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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

HELD AT

PLEASANT HILL, JONES COUNTY, N. C.,

ON THE

9th, 10th and 11th Days of October, 1862.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.:
1862.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

According to previous appointment, the Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, assembled with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Jones County, North Carolina, on Thursday before the 2nd Lords day in Oct., 1862.

The Introductory discourse was delivered by Elder G. Allen, from 2nd chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

After which on motion, proceeded to ballot for the officers. Bro. J. Brown and ——— were appointed to superintend the balloting. J. Brown reported, on counting the votes, a majority had been cast as follows: for Moderator, Peter E. Hines, assistant Moderator, Cyrus Brown, for Clerk, Caleb Cannon, assistant Clerk, J. Brown. The report was received and concurred in, and the officers entered on their duties respectively.

On motion Caleb Cannon was elected Treasurer.

Owing to the non-attendance of the delegates from the diferent churches to-day the Moderator omitted the oppointment of the usual committees until to-morrow.

On motion of Bro. J. Brown, Conference adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock. Prayer and praise by Elder Heath.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 10th, 1862.

Conference met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer and singing, by request the proceedings of the previous day were read and approved; when the regular order of business was taken up in the following manner:

The Moderator appointed and announced the following committees viz:

1st. On the order of business: Elders G. Allen, W. Heath, and Bros. B. Turner and J. Brown.

2nd. Committee on Finance, Bros. Ivy Fordham, Jesse Hart and R. L. Forrest.

3rd. Committee to supply the stage with Preachers: Bros. R. L. Forrest, J. Hart and W. G. Fordham.

The committee on business after retiring a short time for consultation, submitted the following report:

1st. Calling of the churches.

2nd. Sunday Schools.

3rd. Miscellaneous Business.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee to supply the stage, reports that Elders Allen and W. Heath to preach on Friday to the congregation.

The Moderator appointed as committee on Sunday Schools, Bro's. Simon Hodges and C. Brown.

On motion, it was agreed to call over the list of Churches.

(Note.—Owing to the disturbed condition of our Country, the repre sentation of the Churches comprising this Conference is very incom plete, and will not appear well in a tabular form. It is thought bette therefore, to give the condition of the state of the Churches in the fo lowing manner:)

Wheat Swamp, Lenoir, represented by Noah Rouse, W. Canady an S. E. Hodges. Received by Letter 2, Died 1, White Males 46, Whit Females 66, Colored 4; Total number of members 116. Contributions $

Kinston, Lenoir, not represented. Total number of members 75.

Christian Chapel, Lenoir, not represented. Total membership 3

Shady Grove, Jones, represented by H. B. Wren and G. P. Cox. Di 1; Total number of members 48. Contributions $2

Pleasant Hill, Jones, represented by Ivy Fordham, S. Gooding an J. Brown. White Males 20, White Females 26, Colored 19. Total me bership, 65. Contribution $5.

Chinquepin Chapel, Jones, represented by Cyrus Brown and Benj min Turner. Died 1; Total membership 84. Contribution $4.

Tuckahoe, Jones, represented by F. K. Turner and B. H. Huffman. Baptised 1, Died 1; Total membership 60. Contribution $1.

Hookerton, Greene, not represented. Total membership 54. (Co tributions paid to Clerk, $3.)

Antioch, Pitt, represented by Elder Peter E. Hines. Died 2, Whi Males 26, White Females 42, Colored 36; Total number of members 10 Contributions $5.

Fellow's Chapel, Pitt, not represented. Total number of membe 236. (Contribution paid to Clerk, $2.)

Rountree's, Pitt, represented by R. L. Forrest, J. Hart and J. Dix Baptised 5, Died 3; Total membership 75. Contribution $3.

Oak Grove, Greene, not represented. Total membership 92.

Weir Creek, Carteret, not represented. Total membership 50.

Otter's Creek, Edgecombe, not represented. Total membership

Mill Creek, Johnston, not represented. Total membership 158.

Jenkins' Chapel, Onslow, represented by Jas. J. Mashberne and H. . Mashberne. Baptised 4, Dismissed 13, Died 1, White Males 16, White Females 40, Colored 5. Contribution $1 30.

Half Moon, Onslow, not represented. Total membership 20.

Brown's School House, Onslow, represented by J. Garman and R. arman. Received by Letter 16, Baptised 3; Total membership 19.— ontribution 50 cents.

The Churches in Craven County were not represented. The total iembership of the seven Churches in Craven, as taken from the Min- tes of last year, is 296.

The Churches in Sampson County were not represented. The total iembership of the five Churches in Sampson, as per last year's Minutes, : 441. (A contribution of $5 15 was sent to the Clerk by Elder Jose- hus Latham from the Church at Six Runs, Sampson.)

The nine Churches in Beaufort County were not represented. Total iembership of all 631.

Long Acre, Washington County, not represented. Total number of iembers 21.

The three Churches in Martin County were not represented. Total iembership of the Churches 129.

Neill's Chapel, Hyde, not represented. Membership 16.

Pleasant Grove, Wayne, not represented. Membership 16.

The total membership of the Churches (including those not represent- d, the statistics of which are taken from the Minutes of 1861) is 2,911.

Amount of contributions by the Churches this year,	$36 95
Received of Elder J. Latham, after paying for Minutes of 1861, (through politeness of Elder Allen,) - -	11 25
Received of Eld. P. E. Hines, from some good brother,	75
Total amount, - - - - - - - -	$48 95

On motion, H. B. Wren and G. P. Cox be admitted and invited to take eats as delegates from Shady Grove Church, (Jones county,) in this Conference.

On motion agreed that the Church at Brown's School House, Onslow ounty, N. C., be admitted into this Conference.

On motion and agreed that the name of Elder Thomas J. Latham be

discontinued on the minutes on account of his death.

On motion, Elder John A. Leggett be appointed and requested to pr pare a biographical life and sketch of the lamented Elder Thomas Latham, deceased and report the same to the next Conference.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Bro. John J. Harper's name be enrolled o the list of Preachers of this conference, he having been recommended b his church to this conference.

Elder Josephus Latham having been appointed to prepare a biogr phical sketch of the excellent J. H. Dillahunt, deceased, to be presente to this Conference, was on motion, allowed until next Conference, wi request to report then.

On motion of Bro J. Brown, Caleb Cannon was instructed to transcri and prepare the minutes of the present Conference for the press, and a ter some discussion about the number to have printed, it was on moti of J. Brown, resolved that said Cannon be invested with discretiona power, as to the number to have printed and distributed.

On motion the next conference was appointed to be held with t church at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir county, N. C., to commence on Thu day before the 2nd Lords day in Oct. 1863.

On motion, Elder Peter E. Hines, was appointed to preach the intr ductory and Elder George Joyner his alternate.

The committee to supply the stage, reports that Elders Gideon Alle and Heath, to preach on Saturday to the congregation, and that Eld P. E. Hines is to preach on Sunday. Report received, and on motion, t committee was discharged from further duty.

Nothing before conference, on motion agreed to adjourn until to-mo row 10 o'clock. The Moderator called on Elder Allen to close by singi and prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct 11th. 1862.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer and praise by t Moderator. The proceedings of the previous day were read and approve

On motion, the committee of Finance ask leave to report, and subm ted the following, viz:

From the Churches as contributions this Conference, - -	$26
To amount for Evangelizing in hands of Treasurer, - -	$12

See minutes (1860,) for Finance committee's Report.

Respectfully submitted, &c.

CALEB CANNON, Treasurer.

Report received, and on motion, the committee was discharged,

Respectfully submitted,

IVY FORDHAM,
J. HART,
R. L. FORREST,
Committee.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to receive the amount of contri-
ıtions of this conference, and retain the same in his hands to be applied
) the defraying of the expenses of printing and distributing the min-
ıes of this Conference.

The committee on Sunday schools failed to report for want of time,
ıd as a substitute the Moderator gave an interesting lecture to all pres-
ıt, advising them to train up their children in the way they should
alk. It was listened to with marked attention.

On motion of Elder Allen, *Resolved*, That this Conference do hereby
ınder their thanks to the members of Pleasant Hill, and to the citizens
' this neighborhood for their great kindness and hospitality, extended
›wards us during our stay with them; also to the officers of this confer-
ıce for the faithful discharge of their duties; also that Conference do
›w adjourn to time and place above designated,—whereupon the Mode-
ıtor rose and with the feelings of a parent gave a short but appro-
ciate exortation to the delegates, and all present, exorting them to be
eadfast in their Christian duties, that should we meet no more in
onference capacity, let each one prepare to meet in our Father's House,
here parting will be no more, which seemed to be received with warm
ıarts.

Brother Allen's motion now prevailed, and the Moderator called on
lder Heath, (who is ever willing to do his duty,) to close by signing
ıd prayer, after which the Moderator under the above motion, declar-
l Conference to be adjourned, to meet at the time and place designated.

PETER E. HINES, Moderator,
CYRUS BROWN, Assistant.

CALEB CANNON, Clerk.
ISAAC BROWN, Assistant Clerk.

Remarks.

Brother Allen, as will be seen, was appointed to preach on Saturday,
hich he done in the House after conference had closed, from the 4th
ıapter of St. John; confined his remarks to the 29th verse. His discourse
as listened to with marked attention. After he had concluded his dis-
›urse, he came down out of the stand, gave the waiting congregation a
arm and feeling exortation, opened a door for the reception of penitent
elievers, when one good lady came forward and made the good confes-
on. After which, Elder Heath was to preach. (We had to leave for
›me, but we have no doubt but he done his duty in the good cause.)

On Sunday, Oct. 12th, Elder Hines was to preach by appointment.—
Ve learn that after preaching, another good lady came forward and
ıade the good confession, and with the one who came forward on Sat-
rday, were baptized by Elder Hines on Sunday. By this it appears
ıat the good spirit was present.

May we not hope that the crisis of the times will be so that all the

preaching brethren, together with delegates from all of our churcl
may feel constrained to be at the next conference to partake of the sa
good spirit.

The printing of the minutes has been delayed a short time, unt
could see several of the churches, and obtain from them a contribut
to make a sufficiency.

CLERK

LIST OF ELDERS AND PREACHERS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

1	John T. Walsh,	Kinston,	Lenoir Co., N
2	James R. Lewis,	Piney Grove,	Sampson d
3	Henry D. Caison,	Washington,	Beaufort d
4	John A. Legget,	Washington,	Beaufort d
5	William R. Fulshire,	Newbern,	Craven d
6	Thomas H. Bowen,	Newbern,	Craven d
7	Seth H. Tyson,	Pantego,	Beaufort d
8	John R. Winfield,	Washington,	Beaufort d
9	Henry Robinson,	Williamston,	Martin, d
10	David H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne, d
11	William Heath,	Richlands,	Onslow, d
12	Gideon Allen,	Marlboro,	Pitt d
13	Peter E. Hines,	Marlboro,	Pitt, d
14	George Joyner,	Marlboro,	Pitt, d
15	John B. Respess,	Hunter's Bridge,	Beaufort, d
16	Josephus Latham,	Monk's Store,	Sampson, d
17	Samuel L. Davis,	Leachville,	Beaufort, d
18	Henry Wilks,	Greenville,	Pitt, d
19	Stanly Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin, d
20	John J. Coltrain,	Jonesville,	Martin, d
21	William Harris,	Hawley's Store,	Sampson, d
22	J. W. P. Holton,	Newbern,	Craven, d
23	John J. Harper,	Johnston County, N. C.	

The above list is taken from the Minutes of last conference.

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HELD AT

HOOKERTON,

GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

ON THE

7TH, 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH OCTOBER, 1864.

A. W. INGOLD & Co.,
Book and Job Printers,
GREENSBORO, N. C.

LIST OF PREACHERS WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

	NAME.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1.	John T. Walsh,	Kinston,	Lenoir,	N. C.
2.	Henry D. Cason	Pactolus,	Pitt,	"
3.	John A. Leggett,	"	"	"
4.	Henry Wilks,	Marlboro,	"	"
5.	Gideon Allen,	"	"	"
6.	Peter E. Hines,	"	"	"
7.	George Joyner,	"	"	"
8.	Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	"	"
9.	William R. Fulshire,	Newbern,	Craven,	"
10.	Thomas H. Bowen,	"	"	"
11.	Seth H. Tyson,	Tarboro,	Edgecombe	"
12.	John R. Windfield	"	"	"
13.	Samuel L. Davis	"	"	"
14.	John B. Respess	"	"	"
15.	David H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	"
16.	William Heath,	Richland	Onslow,	"
17.	Stanley Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin,	"
18.	Henry Robinson,	"	"	"
19.	J. W. P. Holton,	Newbern,	Craven	"
20.	John M. Gurganus,	Plymouth,		"
21.	John J. Harper,	Bentonsville,	Johnston,	"
22.	John J. Coltrain,	Jamesville,	Martin,	"

MINUTES.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, assembled with the Church at Hookerton, Greene County, North Carolina, on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1864.

According to previous appointment, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Josephus Latham, from 1st Col. 18 v., "He is the head of the body the church."

The Conference was then organized by electing Elder Josephus Latham, Moderator, and brother Jacob McColter, Assistant; brother Caleb Cannon, Clerk, and brother Reuben Barrow, Assistant Clerk.

Brother Caleb Cannon was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz:

On the Order of Business, Elder Peter E. Hines, J. J. Harper and J. B. Respess.

On Finance, brethren Handy Warren, F. M. Harper and Simon E. Hodges.

To supply the stand with preachers, bros. F. Dixon, James Albriton and Elder Joyner.

The Committee on the order of business after retiring a short time, submitted the following report:

1. Calling of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. HINES, Ch'n.

On motion the report was received and Committee discharged.

The Committee to supply the stand report, Elder Henry Wilks and John J. Harper to preach on Friday.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Allen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.

Conference met according to adjournment, and opened with prayer by Elder Allen, after which the proceedings of the previous day were read and accepted, and the Conference proceeded to business.

On motion, it was agreed to call the list of Churches. See Table of Statistics.

EVANGELIZING.—The Committee on evangelizing Reported. See Letter A, Appendix.

Miscellaneous Business.—The Committee on Finance reported. See Letter B.

Elder J. Latham not having been furnished with the data in reference to Elder Dillahunt, on motion, he is allowed until next Conference to prepare his biographical sketch.

On motion of Elder Joyner the biographical sketch of Elder Thos. J. Latham, prepared by Dr. J. T. Walsh, was received and ordered to be put in the Minutes. Letter C.

On motion of Elder J. E. Hines, the biographical sketch of bro. Alfred Moye, prepared by Elder Joyner, was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. Appendix Letter D.

On motion of Elder Latham, the biography of Elder James R. Lewis prepared by bro. J. J. Harper, was received and ordered to be placed in the Minutes. Appendix Letter E.

On motion of Elder Joyner it was ordered that brother Josephus Latham take charge of the Conference Record Book which was for years in the hands of his father, also to transcribe the Minutes in said book.

The Committee to supply the stand report Elders J. B. Respess and Gideon Allen to preach on Saturday.

On motion, it was agreed that the Church at Christian Hope, Washington County, be received back into the Conference.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Respess.

Saturday, October 8th, 10 O'clock, P. M.

Conference met according to appointment. Prayer by Elder Miller.

On motion, it was agreed that the name of Caleb Cannon be added to the Evangelical Committee in place of bro. McColter who had resigned. The Committee now standing for the ensuing year being W. J. Moye, Caleb Cannon and Joseph Dixon, who have the power to employ an Evangelist and designate his field of labor. See Letter F.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of Elder Harris be erased from our list of preachers, for unworthy conduct.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of John N. Gurganus be enrolled with the list of preachers.

On motion of Elder Joyner it was ordered that bro. Josephus Latham be requested to prepare the Minutes for the press and distribute them, and that the Treasurer pay over the amounts in hand to him for said purpose.

On motion, it was agreed that the next Conference be held at Rountrees' Meeting House, Pitt County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1865.

On motion, Elder George Joyner was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and on his failure Elder G. Allen. Preach-

ing to-day by J. B. Respess and G. Joyner in Disciple's Church and by G. Allen in Union Baptist Church, at night by Elder Miller in Disciple's church.

The Committee to supply the stand report J. B. Respess to occupy the Disciple's Church to-morrow.

On motion, the Conference tendered most respectfully thanks to the citizens of Hookerton and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality and to the Methodists and Union Baptists for the use of their churches.

JOSEPHUS LATHAM, *Moderator.*
JACOB McCOTTER, *Assistant.*

C. CANNON, *Clerk.*
R. BARROW, *Assistant.*

APPENDIX.

A.

Our brother John J. Harper was employed at the Conference of 1863 for the ensuing year as an Evangelist—he reports having traveled nearly or quite two thousand miles, preached one hundred and twenty-seven times and baptized in conjunction with others one hundred persons—he received from the Conference five hundred dollars, and from churches and individuals, while traveling, three hundred and seventy dollars which with the amount given by the ladies of Hookerton and vicinity will perhaps reach nearly a thousand dollars.

W. J. MOYE, Ch'n.

B.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the account of the Treasurer and find it all correct, leaving on hand of last year's funds $31.75 (old issue) worth - - $ 21 17
Contributions this year - - - - - - - 434 56

Whole amount on hand - - - - $455 73

F. M. HARPER, Ch'n.

C.

A BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER THOMAS J. LATHAM.

BY JOHN T. WALSH.

Elder Thos. J. Latham, son of Daniel Latham and his wife Elizabeth, was born at Pantego, Beaufort County, N. C., October 31st, 1797. His father died when the subject of this paper was quite young, leaving him to the care and training of his widowed mother. She, being a very intelligent woman, greatly desired to have her son well educated. Young Thomas soon manifested great aptness to learn, and his mother determined to give his noble mind an opportunity to expand and develope its powers. So, when sufficiently advanced, he was sent to a school of note in Robeson county; and although such students as MANLY (now Judge) and other men of eminence were his classmates, yet none succeeded better in their studies than he.

After years of toil there and at other schools of merit he succeeded in obtaining a fine education. He was a thorough english scholar, and possessed fine attainments in the Greek and Latin.

There is one circumstance, showing the happy effects of early training, which we record not only as illustrative of the character of the dead but as an example to the living. When at School swearing was almost universal among the students, but through young Latham's influence this pernicious and blasphemous habit was abandoned.

After he was educated he adopted the profession of teaching school, which he followed for many years with marked success. On Feb. 4th, 1821, he was married to Miss Nancy Cordon, by whom he had twelve children. Soon after his marriage he settled at Pantego where he was born. Some years after he united with the church at Concord, Beaufort county, N. C., having been baptized by Elder Henry Smith. A short time after, he began to preach and soon became an able proclaimer of the Gospel of the grace of God and was for many long years the beloved Pastor of the church with which he united. He was one among the first in North Carolina to embrace the principles, of original christianity for which the Disciples of Christ contend; and, knowing the truth he fearlessly maintained it, and boldly took the position of the Bible and the Bible alone as the Christian's creed, as his famous letter written for the Conference about twenty-three years ago, on the subject of human creeds, will show. He was for many years one of the most influential and perhaps the *best* educated minister belonging to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in this State. Having some years before lost his first wife, in 1839, January 13th, he married Miss Ann E. Everett of Martin County by whom he had five children. He was passionately fond of his children, and instead of teaching them lessons of earthly gain and ambition, sought to bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." But out of seventeen only four of them survived him; still he bore his loss with the most calm christian resignation, exclaiming with the venerable patriarch Job "the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

He had been a very healthy man for many years (having lead a strictly temperate life in all things), until a short time before his death when he was seized with *paralysis agitans* or shaking palsy which continued to get worse until the commencement of 1862, when he rapidly became worse, and for some months he could not even lie down. He often expressed his great desire to die, as earth had no charm for him. On the 3rd Lord's day in April while a smile of happiness passed over his countenance, his pure spirit left its tenement of clay and his eventful life was ended!

Elder Latham filled various offices of usefulness to his county and country. He was clerk and Master of Equity for the county of Hyde before the boundaries of said county were changed leaving him in Beaufort; for long years he was Post Master at Pantego being eminently fitted for these positions by his great knowledge

of business and law. He had read medicine considerably and it is well known he was one of the best informed men in the county. In 1853 he moved to Washington and acted as Post Master and to use the language of the Editor of the paper "won largely upon the esteem of the citizens." He was one in company with W. B. Rodman, Esq., chosen for the purpose of deciding the kind of books which should be used in the Common Schools of Beaufort. He was also appointed as one of the examining Committee for Teachers and no one ever filled the office better. At any time when a teacher applied he attended to him and many such well remember his great care in suggesting any improvement to them which he deemed desirable, and so perfectly honest was he that he would never give the highest numbers unless they were worthy of receiving them. While at Washington he acted as one of the Special Court and also had other offices of trust; for he certainly was one of the nicest business men in the county.

In 1855, at the urgent solicitation of his numerous friends, he became a candidate for a seat in the Federal Congress, which he was amply qualified to fill with honor to himself and State; but he was defeated. It is due to Elder Latham's character to say that while he well understood Political Economy, and considered it the duty of every man to study it, he had no political ambition or aspirations for political preferment; and only consented for his name to be used in the above case after urgent solicitation.

Another fact, in relation to the training of his children, deserves to be recorded. Whenever one of them became large enough to read, a testament was furnished, and every night they all assembled and read the word of God together, and after singing he would offer up a prayer. In this way the truth was impressed upon their minds, and not one of them ever arrived at the years of accountability without confessing the name of Christ and obeying him.

I cannot close this Biography without calling attention to Elder Latham's character as a christian and christian preacher. He was a pure, unselfish man! In proof of this it is well known that under the influence of large benevolence and confiding disposition, he lost a large portion of his estate. It was the pleasure of his life to do good to others and often too, without hoping for anything in return. As a preacher he was not eloquent but logical. He sought to carry the heart by informing, enlightening, and convincing the judgment, rather than by any direct appeals to the feelings and passions. His manner was humble, and his voice soft and impressive.

It is proper we should add a few reflections before closing this paper.

It is in vain for us to shed bitter tears of regret over the dead, if we profit not by their example! It is in vain we spread their virtues abroad upon parchment when they have gone from us, if

we do not esteem and appreciate them while living! It is in vain we build monuments to our departed teachers, if, while they lived, we "esteemed them not highly in love for their work's sake." One by one our "golden candlesticks" have been deprived of the star that gave them light, until we have but few left to illume the gathering darkness. And if we do not appreciate the few whom God has spared to us, and, like Aaron and Hur, hold up their hands in the work of God, our fate may be like that of the Asiatic churches. I would make a most solemn appeal to our brethren to place a higher estimate upon the *living* ministry, not from any personal considerations, for we must "know no man after the flesh;" but with reference to the great work in which they are engaged. Let us not merely "build the sepulchres" of the dead ministry, but rally around those whom God in his providence has made our standard bearers, and who still live to plead with a living voice the great truths of life and immortality. The *ashes* of the dead speak to us from the tomb, and their *spirits*, could their voices be heard, would speak to us in "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," of our duty in this regard.

Like the noble and beloved LATHAM, whose body now sleeps sweetly beneath the clods of the valley, unmindful of the strife of war and the hoarse cannon's roar, let us train up our children for God! Instead of teaching them to love and follow after "filthy luchre," let us teach them that God's wisdom is of more value than rubies. And instead of cultivating a spirit of jealousy, a stain which never defaced the pure spirit of Elder Latham, let us love one another as children of one common father.

Let us follow the example Elder Latham so nobly set, and teach our children to read the word of God, that they may believe on Christ and obey his authority. How many parents are in our midst, professing the religion of Christ, whose children have never heard them read the Scriptures, much less have they ever seen them bow down in prayer before the throne of grace. My brother! my sister! have they ever heard you pray for them? Have they ever heard you pray for your neighbors and your minister? Have you taught them to love the the ministers of the gospel, or have you not rather created in their young minds a dislike and a prejudice against them? And when the minister calls on you to spend the night, do you not, even then, clearly showing your own practice in his absence, forget to ask him to read and pray with you? I leave the answer to these questions with your own consciences, and will conclude this brief paper by saying with reference to our departed brother, "May I die the death of the righteous, and my last end be like his."

D.

ALFRED MOYE'S BIOGRAPHY.

We were not furnished with this, consequently it may not appear in the present minutes; but we intend to transcribe it into the Conference record and let it appear in our next year's minutes.

E.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ELDER JAMES R. LEWIS.

BY JOHN J. HARPER.

Elder James Rodgers Lewis, son of Kedar and Mary Lewis, was born at the dwelling-place of his parents, on Contentnea Creek, in Green County, N. C., September 16th, 1792. In early life, though his literary education was neglected, good impressions, which are seldom lost, were early made on his youthful mind, and pious examples set before him by his kind mother, from whom he learned that to the Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth he was accountable for every word, thought and deed, and being of a serious and thinking disposition, he desired immediately to prepare for the welfare of his soul. He united with the Methodists while a youth. He remained here, however, only a short time, when he left and joined the Free-Will-Baptists, where he continued until 1841, at which time, being persuaded with many others, from a prayerful search of the Scriptures, that the Bible and the Bible alone, was the only unerring guide to fallible mortals, he renounced all human creeds and "confessions of faith," and joined with the Disciples of Christ, where he lived a devoted christian until the day of his death.

Brother Lewis was immersed into Christ by Elder William McKnab. He was ordained a Minister of the Gospel in 1832, and lived so the remainder of his life. Owing to his want of self-confidence, feeling his incompetency, knowing well the indispensable necessity of advancing the whole truth, and that alone, and feeling the awful responsibility of those, who attempt to point out the way of life to dying mortals, he did not often presume, publicly to proclaim the Gospel. But around the fireside he was eager to exchange ideas, to receive information, and to dispense comfort and knowledge, as far as was in his power, to all around him. Christ, his work, his sufferings, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, glorification, and the plan of salvation constituted a theme, upon which it was his delight to dwell. He was anxious to see the cause of his Master flourish and surmount all opposition, and consequently was ever ready and willing to contribute to its support.

In 1814, he was married to Mrs. Artesia King, in Sampson County, where he settled and raised three children, all of whom are now living.

His wife died in 1853, and he was left to storm the vicissitudes of life, and endure the affliction of old age, alone.

The wearied, hungry Minister of the Gospel ever found a welcome reception, and a pressing invitation to tarry at the house, and share the kind hospitality of Elder Lewis.

But "Thou art gone, alas, like the many!" No more shall we hear his kind invitation; no more meet him at the usual place of worship. His christian race is run and the victory won; his earthly career is ended. His penetrating eyes are closed in that sleep that knows no waking; his warning voice is hushed in the stillness of death, and that God-adoring heart has long since ceased to beat.

On the 2nd day of December, 1862, at 9 o'clock in the morning his earthly trials and afflictions ended, and his care-worn and blood-purified spirit wended its way to its God. He calmly yielded up his life, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to awake in eternal glory. He has gone to reap the reward of a life spent in the service of his heavenly Master, and to exchange the miseries and bitters of this world, for the joys and sweets of one brighter far than his, whose bliss is permanent as heaven itself.

Thus, we see that our comrades one after another are falling. Our time is coming. The relentless hand of Death will ere long grasp us with its iron strength, and with its on-rolling and never-ceasing tide of destruction will hurl us into eternity. All, all, sooner or later, must meet the rugged monster; for "It is appointed unto man to die."

The wealthy, the gay, the vaunting and the proud, the beggar and the king, are all journeying to the house of all the living. Wealth avails not, honor avails not, distinction and power avail not, beauty and dignity avail not, even righteousness itself avails not. The reckless sinner and the upright christian, the presumptuous hypocrite and the true man of God, are all alike subject to death; for verily his dominion reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth, levels all with the dust, and does away with all distinctions. By this we see that life is waning, the end approaching, and that our every moment should be spent in a way to tell well in eternity. Our time is precious—let us spend it "in the vineyard," for the work is great and the laborers are few.

Let us keep our lamps burning and our lights shining, and be ready to meet the Bridegroom at his coming. May we all be prepared to meet our dear brother in the paradise of God on the banks of the "pure river of water of life." Let us take the Word and the Holy Spirit to direct us, and Christ to lead and guide us, then let the storm-god of opposition rage, the fierce winds of persecution howl around us, the lashing waves of affliction be hurled against us, and the dark cloud of adversity overshadow us, all combined and directed to one point shall not sink us, but amid the flashing

lightning, the bellowing thunder and the crush of worlds this frail barque of immortality will ride safely home to glory.

Bentonsville, N. C., Oct. 1st, 1864.

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The Evangelizing Committee report that the following amounts have been pledged for an Evangelist for the year 1865:

Wheat Swamp, Lenoir County	$300 00
Hookerton, Green County	300 00
Corinth, Pitt County	200 00
Fellows Chapel, Pitt County	45 00
Rountrees, " "	150 00
Concord, Beaufort County	100 00

Had this subject been mentioned to all the churches in time there doubtless would have been much more.

CALEB CANNON, Ch'n.

(Price paid for printing Minutes, $500.)

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OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

HELD AT

FELLOWS' CHAPEL,

PITT COUNTY, N. C.,

ON THE

11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of October, 1866.

WILSON:
NORTH CAROLINIAN OFFICE.
1866.

LIST OF PREACHERS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAME.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1. JOHN T. WALSH,	Newbern,	Craven,	N. C.
2. W. R. FULSHIRE,	"	"	"
3. THOMAS H. BOWEN,	"	"	"
4. J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
5. ISAAC P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
6. ALONZO HOLTON,	"	"	"
7. CONSTANTINE MILLER,	"	"	"
8. JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	Pitt,	"
9. GEORGE JOYNER,	Marlboro,	"	"
10. GIDEON ALLEN,	"	"	"
11. HENRY D. CASON,	Washington,	Beaufort,	"
12. S. L. DAVIS,	"	"	"
13. JOHN R. WINFIELD,	"	"	"
14. JOHN A. LEGGETT,	"	"	"
15. DAVID H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	"
16. J. J. HARPER,	Dudley,	"	"
17. WILLIAM HEATH,	Trenton,	Jones,	"
18. STANLEY AYRES,	Williamston,	Martin,	"
19. HENRY ROBINSON,	"	"	"
20. JOHN J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	"	"
21. JOHN M. GURGANUS,	Plymouth,	"	"
22. HENRY GURGANUS,	"	"	"
23. SAMUEL H. ANGE,	"	"	"
24. HARVEY COOPER,	"	"	"

MINUTES.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, was to assemble with the Church at Fellows' Chapel, on Thursday before the 2d Lord's day of October, 1866, but in consequence of the rain, but few attended, and among the absentees was the one appointed to preach the Introductory. His Alternate also being absent, the first discourse was delivered by Elder Henry Gurganus. Subject—"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." There being so few persons present, Conference was not organized.

FRIDAY, October 12, 1866.

Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Winfield. After which Conference was organized by electing Elder H. D. Cason, Moderator, with Jacob McCotter, Assistant; Josephus Latham, Clerk, with Samuel Windley, Assistant.

Then the Moderator proceeded to appoint the Committees, viz:—

Upon the Order of Business, Augustus Latham, W. J. Bowen and William Joyner. On Committee of Finance, Calvin Stokes, Asa Edwards and Henry Bowen. To Supply the Stand with Preachers, M. W. Harper, J. Edwin Peel and Kenneth Wooland.

After retiring a short time the Committee on the Order of Business reported the following:

1. Calling of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

(The Committee to Supply the Stand, report Elder J. R. Winfield to preach in the forenoon, and Henry Gurganus in the afternoon of to-day.)

In accordance with the Order of Business,

On motion, the list of Churches was called. The result of which you may find by turning to the "Table of Statistics."

Evangelizing:

The Committee not being present, no report was received, and, On motion, it was laid over until to-morrow.

Miscellaneous Business:

On motion, the names of the preachers were called. Upon which the following action was taken:

Peter E. Hines' name discontinued by his request.

J. B. Respass, "

When the name of Elder J. R. Winfield was called, Elder Tyson urged some objection to his continuing, but the Delegates from all the Churches for which he was Pastor, including those where he was raised, sustained him, urging that his walk was becoming a member of the Church, and that he had the confidence of the community in which he lived. On motion, his name was unanimously agreed to be continued, with perhaps the exception of the vote of Elder Tyson.

When the name of Elder Tyson was called, it was moved that it be erased, according to the order of Pungo Chapel Church; whereupon he went into a defence of himself, (after some remarks were made by Elder Latham, by order of the Conference, upon the action of the Committee which tried his case,) but his defence being lengthy, it was postponed until to-morrow.

SATURDAY, October 13, 1866.

Conference was opened by praise and prayer by —— ——.

Elder Tyson came in and submitted to the Conference to do as it thought proper in his case; whereupon the vote being taken, it was agreed to erase his name from the list of preachers, according to the order of the Pungo Chapel Church.

On motion, according to the request of their Churches, the following names were added to the list of preachers, viz: Henry Gurganus, Samuel H. Cooper, Harvey Cooper, Alonzo Holton, Constantine Miller, Isaac P. Holton.

A communication was received from Elder A. J. Battle, expressing a desire to again be united with the Conference, but on motion, it was agreed to request him to attend the next Conference.

On motion, the Church at Tranter's Creek was requested to get clear of Elder S. H. Tyson.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that:

The contributions last year were - - - -	$77 35

Which has all been expended in paying for printing, transcribing, recording and postage, leaving nothing to be continued to the present year, except the present contributions,

Which were, the present year for Minutes, - - -	$57 15
Evangelizing, - - - - - - - - -	13 00
	$70 15

CALVIN STOKES,
ASA EDWARDS,
HENRY BOWEN.

On motion, Elder Josephus Latham was appointed to transcribe the Minutes and prepare them for the press.

On motion, it was agreed that 800 copies be printed, and that the

contributions of this year be placed in his hands for said purpose, and that he record the same in Conference Book, now in his possession.

On motion, it was agreed that Bro. J. Latham be allowed to retain the balance of last year's contributions, after paying all expenses of the minutes of last year, as a compensation for transcribing and recording the minutes the two past years and the present.

On motion, the money for Evangelizing was placed in the hands of Elder Allen, to be conveyed to Bro. C. Cannon, the Treasurer.

On motion, the place of holding the next Conference was taken up. Petitions were received from Free Union, Corinth, Wheat Swamp and Pleasant Hill. The vote being taken, it was decided to go to Corinth, Pitt County, N. C., commencing on Thursday before 2d Lord's day in October, 1867.

(In accordance with the move yesterday, the subject of Evangelizing was brought up; whereupon a number of brethren present urged the necessity of active steps in this particular, showing that our Churches must become more liberal, or the cause so dear to our hearts may languish; showing that in days gone our preachers were mostly in good circumstances, and were able and willing to sacrifice, but that now they were poor and could not do all the sacrificing; that a small sum from each member would amply support the gospel; that it is our duty needs no labored argument, as long as 'tis said, "The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel," &c., &c.

On motion, Elder Allen was appointed to preach the Introductory and Elder Joyner his Alternate.

The Committee to Supply the Stand report G. Allen to preach in the afternoon of Saturday, and Elder H. Gurganus the morning of the same day, as Elder Cason was engaged as Moderator. Also, report Elder Latham to preach on Lord's day morning and Elder Cason to follow.

On motion, the Conference tendered most respectfully, thanks to the people of the vicinity of Fellows' Chapel, for their great hospitality, and to the officers of this body for the ability and promptness in performing their duty.

LORD'S DAY, October 14, 1866.

A vast congregation assembled, and was addressed by Elder Latham upon the subject of the conversion of the Eunuch. Elder Cason not being well, did not preach, but closed with an excellent exhortation. We then parted, never more all to meet on earth.

M. D. CASON, Moderator.
JACOB McCOTTER, Assistant.

J. LATHAM, Clerk.
S. WINDLEY, Assistant.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

No.	Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Evangelizing		Dismissed.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Number of Members.	Contributions.
				Pledged	Paid.							
1	Wheat Swamp,.	Lenoir,.....	Bright Hill, Jas. Hodges, Edw. Kennedy,	.....	.....	....	....	4	....	1	130	$5 00
2	Kinston,.....	"	Not represented,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	75	.....
3	Christian Chapel,	"	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	31	.....
4	Rose of Sharon,.	"	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	28	.....
5	Hookerton.....	Greene,.....	J. L. Murphy, E. Powell,.....	.....	.....	17	1	1	....	1	43	3 25
6	Antioch,.....	Pitt,.....	By Letter,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	2	94	6 90
7	Corinth.....	"	William Joyner.....	.....	$11 00	....	....	....	....	....	42	2 00
8	Fellows' Chapel,.	"	McCotter and Quinnerly,.....	.....	.....	....	....	15	2	5	244	2 75
9	Rountree's,.....	"	Not represented,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	89	.....
10	Oak Grove,.....	"	By Letter,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	6	....	68	3 05
11	Pleasant Union,.	Sampson,...	E. Rich,.....	.....	.....	....	....	17	....	....	78	.....
12	Six Runs,.....	" ...	Not represented,.....	.....	.....	....	....	8	....	....	140	.....
13	Shady Grove,...	" ...	By Letter,.....	.....	.....	....	....	5	1	9	99	2 00
14	Harnett,.....	" ...	Not represented,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	49	.....
15	Hall's Chapel,...	" ...	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	47	.....
16	Pleasant Grove,.	Wayne,.....	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	66	.....
17	Mill Creek,.....	Johnston,...	M. W. Harper,.....	.....	.....	1	....	24	3	1	135	2 00
18	Concord,.....	Beaufort,....	S. Windley, A. Latham, P. H. Johnston,	.....	.....	1	1	....	....	5	158	5 00
19	Old Ford,.....	" ...	Not represented.....	.....	.....	....	....	9	....	....	209	.....
20	Tranter's Creek,.	" ...	Adolphus Ward, ...	.....	.....	1	1	....	....	3	54	2 00
21	Beaver Dam,....	" ...	Not represented,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	30	.....
22	Head of Pungo,.	" ...	By Letter,.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	20	1 00
23	Pungo Chapel,..	" ...	"	.....	.....	....	....	2	2	2	73	1 00
24	Union Chapel,...	" ...	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	3	128	90
25	Welch's Creek,..	Martin,.....	"	.....	.....	....	1	31	4	2	71	1 50
26	Taylor's Chapel,.	"	"	$4 00	1 00	....	....	3	2	....	36	1 50
27	Christian Chapel,	"	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	52	.....
28	Wooland's S. H.,	"	J. Edwin Peel, Kenneth Wooland,....	.....	.....	1	1	17	....	....	38	2 00
29	Jenkins' Chapel,.	Onslow,.....	By Letter,.....	21 75	1 00	4	....	....	1	....	50	60

Table of Statistics—(Continued.)

No.	Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Evangelizing		Dsm'd	Rec'd.	Bptz'd	Exc'd.	Died.	Total No. M'b'rs	C'nb's
				Pl'dgd	Paid.							
30	Brown's S. H.,	Onslow,	Not represented,	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	46	.....
31	Ware Creek,	Carteret,	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	60	.....
32	Otter's Creek,	Edgecombe,	"	.....	.....	....	...	....	....	....	4	.....
33	Little Swift Cr'k,	Craven,	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	24	.....
34	Broad Creek,	"	Willis Dunn,	.....	.....	1	2	8	....	2	31	$2 00
35	Bethany,	"	Not represented,	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	14	.....
36	Bay Creek,	"	By Letter,	.....	.....	....	....	8	....	....	57	2 70
37	Concord,	"	Not represented,	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	33	.....
38	South River,	"	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	23	.....
39	Goose Creek,	"	"	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	48	.....
40	Long Acre Chp'l,	Washington,	W. J. Bowen, Henry Bowen,	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	24	1 00
41	Christian Hope,	"	Not represented,	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	24	.....
42	Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	"	.....	.....	....	....	6	....	....	26	.....
43	Shady Grove,	Jones,	G. Cox,	.....	.....	....	....	....	1	....	35	2 00
44	Chinquepin Chp'l	"	Not represented,	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	80	.....
45	Pleasant Hill,	"	W. G. Fordham, J. H. Kinsey,	.....	.....	....	13	56	....	3	129	3 00
46	Tuckahoe,	"	Wm. Huffman,	.....	.....	....	1	18	19	....	84	2 00
				$25 75	$13 00	26	21	232	34	39	3,117	$57 15

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10th, 1868.

The Ministers and Messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, assembled at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir Co., N. C., on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1868.

As neither Elder Joyner, who was appointed to preach the Introductory, nor brother Harper, his alternate, were present Elder J. Latham preached the first discourse from the subject, Faith, Hope, Charity. 1 Cor. 13 : 13.

Conference was organized by chosing Elder G. Allen, Moderator, with brother Jacob McCotter, Assistant; J. Latham, Clerk, with brother W. T. Moye, Assistant.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz:

On the Order of Business, brethren Samuel Windley, J. K. Witherington and William Sutton.

Committee of Finance, L. L. Prather, J. E. Peel and Walter Kennedy.

To supply the stand with preachers, Wm. Sutton, L. L. Prather and Chas. Smith.

The committee on the Order of Business made the following report:

1. Calling the list of churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

LORD'S DAY, OCT. 11.

An immense congregation assembled which was addressed by Elder J. Latham in the forenoon, upon the subject of Predestination and Election.

In the afternoon, Elder J. J. Harper preached upon the subject of Faith and Works.

MONDAY, OCT. 12.

Conference was opened by praise and prayer, after which we proceeded to business.

Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

In accordance with the committee's report, the list of churches was called, the result of which may be seen by referring to the Statistical Table.

On motion, it was agreed that the newly organized churches, Turner's Chapel, Jones county, and Brown's S. H., Pitt county, N. C., be received into this conference.

On motion, the report from our Evangelist, A. J. Battle was received, and ordered to be placed in the minutes. See Appendix, letter A.

A communication written by a brother whose name he withholds from the public, was read before the conference, and being considered so appropriate, was ordered to be placed upon the minutes. Letter B.

On motion, it was agreed that brother Latham have the funds left over, after paying the expenses of last years minutes, in view of his great sacrifices for and devotion to the cause of Christ in our State.

The committee on Finance report:

Contributions for minutes this year,	$56 70
Amount contributed by brother F. W. D. for Evangelizing,	56 00

L. L. PRATHER, Chm'n.

On motion, the name of Elder J. H. Foye was ordered to be placed on the minutes, also the name of Daniel A. Williams.

On motion, the names of John A. Leggett and Wm. Heath were erased from our list in consequence of death.

On motion, brother W. T. Moye was appointed to write a biography of Elder Leggett, brother Isaac Brown to write that of William Heath.

On motion, agreed that the funds now on hand for the minutes, be placed in the hands of brother Latham to defray the expenses of publishing 1000 copies of our proceedings.

On motion, the list of preachers was called, and no change in the list found necessary, except erasing two because of death, and two being added who have within the past year united with us.

On motion, agreed that the next Annual meeting be held

with the church at Fellow's Chapel, commencing on Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1869.

On motion, agreed that Elder Battle preach the Introductory, and on his failure, brother Daniel Williams.

Elder Allen preached to day from 2 chapter of Acts. After which two persons made the "Good Confession."

TUESDAY, OCT. 13.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Evangelizing committee was received. See appendix C.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has never been the custom of the Disciples, in North Carolina, to make masonry a test of fellowship at all, leaving every one to use his own discretion upon the matter. Therefore

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the same practice to be continued in the future.

On motion, Elders G. Allen, J. H. Foye, and J. Latham were appointed delegates to the F. W. B. Conference.

On motion, Elders Battle and Harper were appointed to attend the Union Baptist Council.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing this Conference, that where they have a sufficient number of colored members to form an independent organization, they allow them to do so, if they desire it, by giving them letters of dismission for that purpose. That we deeply sympathize with the colored people with reference to their spiritual welfare, and that we willingly teach them the gospel of Christ in its purity when opportunity admits.

On motion, agreed that we return our sincere thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during the sessions of this meeting, and to the officers of this body for the faithful discharge of their duties.

On motion, agreed that we adjourn to the time and place appointed.

Preaching this evening by brother Daniel A. Williams, subject, "the harvest is past, and summer is ended," &c.

Thus ended another of our annual meetings, noted like its predecessors, for its harmony and peace.

GIDEON ALLEN, Mod'r.
J. McCOTTER, Assistant.

J. LATHAM, Clerk.
W. T. MOYE, Assistant.

APPENDIX.

A

EVANGELICAL REPORT.

As soon as practicable after your last meeting, I set out to the field of my labor, assigned me by your committee. I found the churches at Kinston, Shady Grove, Tuckahoe, Christian Chapel, Brown's School House and Jinkin's Chapel, entirely destitute of preaching, for Elder Heath, the only preacher of our order on the south of Neuse River in that section, was confined by sickness of which he died before I got through my first tour. I tried to divide my time among so many churches the best I could. In February, Pleasant Hill church became also destitute, and I was applied to, to supply them; which I endeavored to do at their monthly meetings, until brother Foy came to help, and supplied them after their June meeting. Early in January last, I baptized brother Joseph H. Foy, my son in law, and my son Jesse, both of whom took membership at Corinth, and as brother Foy was so well qualified for preaching the gospel, the church had him ordained, and his preaching has met with acceptance everywhere he has preached. In the latter part of December, I baptized brother Daniel A. Williams, formerly a Methodist preacher, who took membership at Brown's S. H., and was ordained soon after, and in company with myself held a meeting at Whit Turner's in Jones. I preached once on Christmas day, and then brother Williams and Jerry Jarmon continued the meeting near a week, and baptized seven or eight, and organized a church of twelve members, called Turner's Chapel. Brother Williams has helped me much to supply this destitute region, by preaching as his health would permit, at Brown's S. H., Jinkin's Chapel, Turner's Chapel and Tuckahoe. Your committee requested me as far as I could to visit all the churches in your bounds at least once, to encourage them to aid you at your present meeting to sustain an Evangelist for the ensuing year. I set out for this purpose in June to visit all the churches on the North of Tar River, but owing to a mistake I made in time, I failed to visit them all. I however preached at Union Chapel, Concord, Pungo Chapel, Clark's S. H., and at Statesville, in Hyde; also Shiloh, Long Acre, Christian Hope, Free Union and Poplar Run Chapel. On

reaching Taylor's Chapel, I found no congregation, and calling on Elder Coltrain learned of him that it was more than probable the other appointments were also not known, therefore I came across to Washington, to take the boat to Greenville to meet my appointment at Brown's S. H., in Pitt, near Elder Latham's, which I knew was well known. I preached there on the 12th July, and had three to baptize next morning; and having a week to spare intended as a rest at home, I deemed it best to continue the meeting, and with Elder Latham's assistance we held the meeting ten days and nights, and baptized thirty, and organized a church of forty-one members. And it makes this success the more gratifying as it has established a church just where we needed one, and of just such material as truly gives strength to the cause of Christ in that section of country.

After resting a couple of days at home, I took the cars for Dudley Depot. Sleeping on a bench in the ticket office, from midnight till day light, I walked to Pleasant Grove ten miles, and met a crowded house. Next day I preached in the morning and night at Mill Creek to a crowded house, as Elder Harper was holding a protracted meeting; there were seven confessions that day, and I heard that Elder Harper baptized thirty-five on next Sunday. Next day, and the day after, I preached at Pleasant Union, and then went to Six Runs Chapel, and preached the 1st Saturday and Sunday in August, and Sunday at 4 o'clock at Giddingsville. I then returned to Pleasant Union, and began a meeting on Tuesday, and preached twice every day till Sunday, which resulted in 24 baptized, one restored, and one received from the Free Wills. After a rest at home of a few days, I returned to preach to my first field of labor. Christian Chapel has gone down, but if there was a preacher to attend regular, the members of Turner's Chapel and those of Christian Chapel still remaining, could no doubt be got to unite and again build up the church. At Pleasant Hill, after the close of their Union Meeting, I baptized two, a man and wife, who were received to membership at Pleasant Hill. I found Shady Grove in such a condition, that there was no hope of doing anything with the old materials as a body. Therefore I re-organized a new church out of such as gave promise of sustaining the church, and also took several good members from old Chinquepin, and baptized one the next day; and could I have stayed and preached for a week, the prospect was good for a number to have been added. But having agreed to visit Elder Latham in Hookerton for a protracted effort, I had to leave.

At Hookerton the people were so sickly, that we had but a small congregation. The brethren and sisters seemed to be greatly cheered up by our meeting, but we only added four to the church. From

here I went down to Jinkin's Chapel to hold a meeting of near a week, including the first Saturday and Sunday in October. Owing to sickness, our congregations were small, and I only baptized three. We had a cold rain, which partly broke up the meeting. I got wet, and took cold, which brought on chills and fever that held on every day for a week. From which I have recovered, so as to be with you at the close of your meeting.

I received last year of your committee, on advance upon my salary, $100. Since then, I have received on pledges and other donations up to close of this meeting, $172. The balance I shall no doubt receive in good time for my necessities. It is my desire to continue to travel and preach, and if the brethren see proper to re-appoint me as their Evangelist for another year, it is my request to be appointed without salary or fixing a field of labor for me, believing I can do more good not to be confined, and I am willing to trust my brethren for my support. And by this plan, you can employ what ever of funds or pledges may be sent up to your present meeting, in employing other Evangelist's to supply the destitution among your churches. All of which is respectfully submitted

By your Evangelist,

A. J. BATTLE.

B

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.*

Dear Brethren:—Could I feel assured that the remarks I am about to make, would be received in the same spirit which actuates them, it would afford me a pleasure to suggest a few thoughts to the brethren of this Conference. Year after year we spend a great deal of time discussing the subject of Evangelizing, and not to much effect. True it is, some few of us influenced by a warm meeting, feel sufficiently interested in the matter to promise to give a few dollars for the purpose, provided our crops turn out well, and we succeed wel enough in business to have a sufficient surplus, and then if the Conference should select a suitable man, one who accords with our ideas of just what he should be, &c., &c. Then, we will do so and so; but 'tis an old say ng "Words are leaves, while acts are fruits." We leave the Conference with having done but little, but thinking to do a great deal more. We go home, allowing ten thousand trifles to make us entirely forget the poor Evangelist, until next Conference still finds us willing to act, but never doing so. Now, brethren, we all need some stimulus to action--we need some incentive to call out

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our energies. This is evident in all our acts—manifest in all our daily experience. And with man, what is a more powerful stimulus than to have some real object in view, some point we wish to gain. We bend our energies to its accomplishment just in proportion to the degree of interest we feel in its success. Is this not the case ? A superior power may force us to do a great deal ; but does not history bear testimony with our own observation, that it only needs the indomitable will of man to decide to do anything to effect its consumation, if not in opposition to divine law. But do we not find ourselves more or less inert, when engaged in any pursuit in regard to which we are indifferent ?

Well, would any of us professing to be followers of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, like to admit for a moment an indifference to his cause? An indifference to his suffering children here on earth ? For in care of those—and respect to their wants, we are told by Christ himself that we do administer to His wants. I feel sure that we do flatter ourselves that we do love those who bear even the name of Christ, and much more those whom we believe to be suffering for his cause.

Sympathy is a noble virtue, and which every Christian may feel proud to imitate in the character of our beloved Master. In none o my arguments, dear brethren, do I admit of a plea I of en hear argued, viz : "hard times." I do not admit the plea because in regard to our exertions to supply temporal wants, yea even the luxuries of life, we daily find ourselves redoubling our energies. And does not this again prove what we can, or will do, when we wish to do a thing ?

Let us only behold how a kind and merciful Father blesses our efforts to supply our own wants. But do we ever stop to think that all we have even pecuniarily are loans from our blessed Lord. When we borrow money from a friend, do not we expect, yea, are we not willing to pay an annual per centage

We are compelled to answer in the affirmative Now dear brethren, is God less kind to us. Is it not day after day we are indebted to Him, and for innumerable loans to us and mercies granted ? How much interest are we called upon to return ? What a startling thought! No not one cent are we compelled to pay. In this is the great difference between us and the children of Israel. They were required to pay one tenth, as we all know. But in this difference, lies the great beauty of Christ's plan of salvation.

Through the voluntary offering of himself, He shed his precious blood upon Mount Calvary for fallen man. And in return, he requires a voluntary offering of our hearts. And if we give our hearts to him, are we more selfish of our purse ? Or, as true christians are we

willing to give, at least a mite of all his benefits to us, in return as a small interest on all gifts presented to us by Him. Or, are we content to merely give ourselves, and our purse withhold for our own benefit.

I ask candidly, if such a spirit should ask a blessing? We come here year after year representing a body of near 3000—professing themselves christians. And my dear brethren, are there none in our midst, who need a little from this large treasury? I presume there are some. And if so, are we not told that in their sufferings we do really behold the sufferings of our leader? Yes, these are the words of Christ himself, that if we but give unto them a cup of cold water, we give it unto Christ.

Now, brethren, how much of the blessings with which God has so mercifully crowned our labor since last year, are we prepared to give to his son, through the suffering brethren? I hope much.

As an easy way of deciding in our own minds what we are able to give, let us consider the following plan. I was struck with reading since last conference an article in the "Christian Monitor" proposing to the little readers to set aside a hen, as a missionary, the proceeds of which were during the year to be given to the advancement of the cause of Christ. Who could not spare at least one hen? And in doing so, let us only think how much good could be accomplished even by so trifling a means.

Now I regard this a noble plan on a small scale, and trusting in the sincerity of a common brotherhood, I would humbly propose to adopt this sisters plan, but as we do not claim to deal in poultry, but pride ourselves in being tillers of the soil, let each of us dedicate a certain portion of that soil for the benefit of Christ's cause. I believe such would be pleasing to God, and by this means the proceeds of that ground may be thrown into market, and we all come to our next Conference strengthened in mind and might to the support of our self sacrificing Evangelist and Ministers, who while during the past year have been laboring for the good of our souls, have left families at home as dear to them as ours to us, to breast the storms of life alone, so far as an earthly protector was concerned. It was their duty they say, because God so impressed it upon their minds, and a most noble duty it was. And much more nobly have they performed their duty than we have ours, if we have withheld the helping hand from them.

"With deep mortification I witnessed last Conference, that in trying to raise funds for Evangelizing, we had to apply to persons not members of the church to help make up the small sum needed. Now, had we given of our last years crop, one acre each of us, or if even two thirds of its proceeds had been brought to the Conference, how much

good we might have accomplished thereby. As an humble member of this body, let me beseech you to go about this thing trustingly, for the unstable mind is not to hope for the blessing, but the cheerful giver is to be blessed.

Now I humbly offer my experience for the present year, as an encouragement in this case. During the past Spring from my cultivation of about 30 acres, I marked off one acre, the process of which, in my mind, I dedicated to the Lord, and I fully determined He should have every cent of it. So I worked to that point, manured it well, and cultivated it just as I did the rest of my crop, and attended carefully to the gathering of that acre first, and God blessed me with a ready sale of 400 lbs. of lint Cotton gathered therefrom at 21 cents per lb. two thirds of which ($56) I send to this Conference, and the remaining third ($28) I retain for the calls incident to my own church.

Brethren rather than offer this as a praiseworthy act, far from it, I only humbly acknowledge it as a sense of duty to my Master's cause. For I think God has blessed me in my efforts. And if the brethren will unite on this or some other plan similar to this, we will not have to call on outsiders to support our ministry.

At any rate, from the success and experience of this year, I shall trust Him again next, and surely my brethren, there are several who will join me in giving at least one acre out of 25 or 30 to the good of the cause, when we are indebted to God for all the benefits accruing from the other 29 acres. This is a duty in which we have been remiss, and having the matter under consideration who will now show their readiness to act? Come forward dear brethren, and instead of one Evangelist in the field, we will have the means of doing better than this.

The luxuries of two or three of our families could go almost as far as the entire means we are willing to grant poor ministers for their support.

C

The committee on Evangelizing report:

That there is now in the Treasury for Evangelizing	$56 00
Amount pledged,	59 00
Total,	115 00

We recommend that Elder Battle be appointed to travel for the ensuing year upon the terms proposed in his report. There not being funds enough on hand to employ an Evangelist for the whole year the

committee think it best to withhold them for the present, and act as circumstances may require.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McCOTTER. }
S E. HODGES, } Com.
E. A. MOYE, }

D

PREACHER'S NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.
John T. Walsh,	New Berne, Craven county.
W R. Fulcher,	" " "
Thos H. Bowen,	" " "
J. W P. Holton,	" " "
Isaac P. Holton,	" " "
Alonzo Holton,	" " "
Constantine Miller,	" " "
Josephus Latham,	Greenville, Pitt county.
George Joyner,	Marlboro, " "
Gideon Allen,	" " "
Henry D. Cason,	Swan Quarter, Hyde county.
S. L. Davis,	Leachville, Beaufort county,
John R Winfield,	Pantego, " "
David H Miller,	Goldsboro, Wayne "
John J. Harper,	Newton Grove, Sampson county,
Daniel A Williams,	Haw Branch, Onslow "
Stanly Ayres,	Williamston, Martin "
Henry Robinson,	" " "
J. J. Coltrain,	Jamesville, " "
J. M. Gurganus,	Plymouth, Washington "
Henry Gurganus,	" " "
Henry Cooper,	" " "
A. J. Battle,	Wilson, Wilson county.
J. H. Foye,	" " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATE'S NAMES,	Pledged.	Paid.	Dismissed.	Received	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	W. Sutton. W. Kennedy, Drury Hill,	20 00			2			2	125	$ 4 00
Kinston,	"	Not represented,								75	
Christian Chapel,	"	Not represented,								16	
Hookerton,	Greene,	E. Albritton, F. W. Dixon,		56 00		5	1			43	6 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	L. L. Prather,			2	2	18			88	5 00
Corinth,	"	E. A. Moye, M. T. Moye,	25 60			1	11			52	3 00
Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, J. K. Witherington, C. Smith,	14 00		2	7	52		4	292	4 00
Rountrees,	"	Not represented,								90	
Oak Grove,	"	By letter,						2	1	61	3 10
Brown's S. H.,	"	J. L. Smith, Lawrence Ward.				15	34			49	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By letter,				2	24	4		88	1 60
Six Runs,	"	Alladin Hatcher,								126	1 00
Shady Grove,	"	By letter,				1	6	2	1	98	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Wayne,	Not represented,								28	1 00
Mill Creek,	Johnson,	H. D. Harper,				2	36	1	1	170	3 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	Samuel Windley,			23		12		3	135	4 00
Old Ford,	"	Whitman Leggett,			1		1	2	4	137	4 00
Transter's Creek,	"	Not represented,								57	
Beaver Dam,	"	Report by S Windly,					35			90	
Head of Pungo,	"	Not represented.								22	
Pungo Chapel,	"	By letter,			1		6		5	30	1 00
Union Chapel,	"	G W Oden, Henry O. Cutler,					3	2	1	90	1 50
Welch's Creek,	Martin,	Not represented,								71	
Christian Chapel,	"	Not represented,								52	
Macedonia,	"	J. Edwin Peele,						2		39	1 50
Poplar Run,	"	By Letter,					3			35	2 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	Not represented,								36	

Jenkin's Cnapel,	Onslow,	H. B. Basden,			2	1				44	50
Brown's S. H.,	"	By letter,				11	13			67	1 00
Otter's Creek,	Edgecome,	Not represented,								4	
Little Swift Creek,	Craven,	"								24	
Broad Creek,	"	"								35	
Bay Creek,	"	"								49	
Bethany,	"	"					25			57	
Concord,	"	"								33	
Goose Creek,	"	"								33	
South River,	"	"								23	
Long Acre,	Washington,	By letter,				1	3	2		30	1 00
Christian Hope,	"	"								50	
Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	Reported by S. W.,					10			36	
Shady Grove,	Jones,	G P. Cox, Curtis Heath,					1			22	1 00
Tuckahoe,	"	S A. Huffman,					2	2		88	1 50
Pleasant Hill,	"	J. H. Kinsey, T. Brown, Jno. Metts,					2		4	135	3 00
			$59 00	$56 00	31	49	301	15	26	2895	56 70

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

Fellow's Chapel, Pitt County, N. C.

October 7, 8, 9, 10, 1869.

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THOS. M. HUGHES, PRINTER,
1869.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 7, 1869.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina, convened at Fellow's Chapel, Pitt county on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, A. D. 1869.

Elder A. J. Battle, who had been appointed at last Conference to preach the Introductory, being greatly enfeebled by suffering from a cancer on the face, and thereby unable to preach a regular discourse, read a portion of Scripture and in a very impressive and feeling manner exhorted the brethren to love one another and abide in the unity of the Faith.

Conference was then organized by choosing Elder Gideon Allen, Moderator; Bro. Jacob McCotter, Assistant; Elder Josephus Latham, Clerk; and Bro. Caleb Cannon, Assistant. The Officers all being present, entered immediately upon the discharge of their several duties.

The Moderator appointed the following Committes, viz:

On the Order of Business.—Elders Josephus Latham, D. H. Cason and A. C. Hart.

Committee of Finance.—Brethren J. E. Peel, Richard Taylor and H. A. Coltrain.

To Supply the Stand with Preachers.—Brethren Jacob McCotter, Wm. B. Moye, I. K. Withrington.

The Committee on the Order of Business made the following report, viz:

1. Calling the List of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Committee to Supply the stand with Preachers, report Elders H. Gurganus and H. D. Cason to preach on Friday.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Praise and prayer by Elder D. H. Cason.

Friday Morning, Oct. 8th.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour, and was opened with singing and prayer by Elder J. R. Winfield.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on the Order of Business, the List of Churches was called, the result of which can be seen by reference to the Appendix. (See letter C.)

In compliance with the recommendation of the Church at Hookerton, the name of A. C. Hart was ordered to be placed on the roll of Preachers.

On motion, Bro. George T. Flinn, was invited to take a seat in Conference as a delegate from the Church at Concord, Beaufort County.

In compliance with the request of the Church at Concord, Beaufort County, on motion, the name of Elder J. B. Respass was again placed on the roll of Preachers.

On motion, the Church at South Creek, Craven County, was ordered to be erased from the List of Churches, there being no organization at that place.

The Church at White Hill, Beaufort County, applied for admission in the Conference, and, on motion, was received.

The Committee to supply the Stand with Preachers, report Elder J. J. Harper to preach on Friday night; Elders J. H. Foy and J. B. Respass to preach on Saturday; Elder J. R. Winfield to preach on Saturday night; and Elder J. B. Respass and Dr. J. T. Walsh to preach on Lord's day.

On motion, the report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Moderator appointed brethren Jacob McCotter, Samuel Windley and M. T. Moye, Committee on Evangelizing.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet on Saturday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Singing and prayer by Dr. J. T. Walsh,

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SATURDAY, Oct 9th.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and was opened with singing and prayer by Elder J. L. Ballard.

The minutes of the preceeding day were read and approved.

On motion, Bro. Sherrod Belcher was invited to take a seat in Conference as a delegate from Antioch.

On motion, the name of Jesse L. Ballard was ordered to be placed on the roll of Preachers.

The Evangelizing report of Elder A. J. Battle was read, and, on motion, ordered to be placed on the Minutes. (See Appendix, letter A.)

The time and place of holding the next Conference was taken up and, by ballot, agreed, That the next Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ be held with the Church at Oak Grove, Pitt County, N. C., commencing Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, A. D., 1870.

On motion, Elder J. H. Foy was appointed to preach the Introductory, Dr. J. T. Walsh, contingent.

On motion, agreed that the money tendered by colored brethren, through Elder J. R. Winfield, be received, and copies of the Minutes be forwarded to them when printed.

On motion, Elder Josephus Latham was appointed to transcribe the Minutes, to record them in the Conference Book, and have them printed and distributed, and that he be allowed thirty dollars for his services.

On motion, agreed, that the colored brethren be advised to form a separate Conference, and that Elders A. J. Battle, H. D. Cason, J. R. Winfield, Henry Gurganus and Dr. J. T. Walsh be appointed to confer with and assist them in their organization.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and the Committee discharged, viz :

TO PRINT THE MINUTES.

On hand from Contributions of last year,	$16 70
Contributions from the Churches this year,	67 30
" " Colored Brethren,	1 50
" " a private source,	1 50
Total,	$87 00

FOR EVANGELIZING.

From the Church at Hookerton, cash,	$100 00
" " " " Corinth, "	35 00
" " " " Wheat Swamp pledged,	20 00
" two good Sisters, cash,	2 50
" J. P. Quinley, "	5 00
" J. Harper, "	3 00
Total,	$165 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PEEL,
RICH'D TAYLOR, } Com.
H. A. COLTRAIN,

On motion, Bro. Caleb Cannon was appointed Treasurer of the Conference.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over to Elder Josephus Latham $87.00, to pay for transcribing, printing and distributing the Minutes.

Bro. M. T. Moye read the Obituary of Dr. J. A. Leggett, and, on motion, it was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See Appendix, B.)

The Committee on Evangelizing reported as follows, viz :

Contributions for Evangelizing last year,	$101 00
" " " this year,	142 50
Amount pledged this year,	30 00
Total,	$273 50
Paid to Elder A. J. Battle,	30 00
Amount on hand,	$243 50

The amount of money in our hands being insufficient to procure the services of an Evangelist for the year, we deem it inexpedient to employ one at this time. But we would recommend that the expenses of Elders G Allen and J. Latham to the Western part of the State be paid out of the funds in our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB McCOTTER,
SAMUEL WINDLEY, } Com.
M. T. MOYE,

On motion, the report was received, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

On motion, Elder A. J. Battle was appointed Traveling Evangelist, in accordance with the desire expressed in his report.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay fifty dollars, each, to Gideon Allen and Josephus Latham, as recommended by the Committee on Evangelizing.

On motion, the contributions for Evangelizing were placed in the hands of the Committee on Evangelizing, to be appropriated as the best interest of the cause may demand.

The Roll of Preachers was then called. [See Appendix, D.]

On motion, ordered, that fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes be printed for the use of the Churches.

The thanks of the Conference were tendered to the citizens for their kindness and hospitality, and to the Officers for the faithful discharge of their duties, and, on motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Praise by Dr. J. T. Walsh. Prayer by Elder A. J. Battle.

GIDEON ALLEN, Moderator.
JACOB McCOTTER, Assistant.

Josephus Latham, Clerk.
Caleb Cannon, Assistant.

APPENDIX (A.)

EVANGELICAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Just before your last Annual Meeting, I had a severe attack of Bilious fever, which prevented me from meeting with you till Monday of your Session, and the ride of twenty-seven miles through a cold fog, produced a cough which has continued ever since. I was unable from feebleness to preach during October and most of November; I however, attended the Union Meeting at Brown's School House, Onslow county, the 5th Lord's day in November, and though troubled w th my cough, I preached on Sunday to a large and attentive audience. I preached a few times at Kinston, and in Jones county in December and January, and attended the Union Meeting the 5th Lord's day in January, at Jenkin's Chapel. I met the Church at Hookerton, at its February meeting, and saw signs of good being done. I was at Brown's School House, in Pitt, at their regular meeting in March, and though the weather was very cold, we had a crowded house and lively interest manifested in the truth of God's word. I again met the Church at Hookerton, the 3rd Lord's day in March, and had the very great pleasure of hearing the confession of James Dixon, the youngest son of good old brother Windsor Dixon, and the last of his family to come into the Church of Christ, to the great joy of all his family and the Church. And this appears to be the beginning of quite an interesting increase to the membership of that blessed Church. I set out the last week in March to visit Rutherfordton, and Riem's Creek in Buncombe county, and reached the former place the last day of the month. I made Colonel Fagg's my home—where I was cordially welcomed by the Colonel and his wife, our noble hearted sister—Jane L. Fagg. The houses of worship in the place were all closed against me, so I had to preach in the Court House (Latham's Chapel, as it is called there,) I had a very respectable attendance and a fixed attention to my sermons. and although I did not baptize any one in Rutherfordton, yet I feel assured that several very intelligent gentlemen and ladies became satisfied that we teach the true doctrine of the Scriptures.

Several Baptists, a few Methodists and Prebyterians expressed their readiness to unite with us as soon as we could organize a Church there. I preached three times at Linche's Mill ten miles on the road to Asheville, and the last sermon on the 4th Lord's day in April, induced sister Augusta Lynche, (wife of the owner of the Mill,) to make the good confession, and at 4 o'clock, the same evening, I baptized her in Broad River, close to their residence, in the presence of a number of Baptists, who treated sister Lynch with a great deal of kindness and Christian affection.

Having walked from Rutherfordton to this point on my way to Asheville, I was unexpectedly assisted on my way by Mr. Portrum, who was going to Asheville after his sister.

I reached our brother, Dr. J. M. Baird's, Tuesday morning and was warmly welcomed by his kind family with whom I spent a few days very pleasantly. Brother Baird sent me to Riem's Creek on Friday following. On Saturday I visited Flat Creek, a Baptist place of worship, where I was treated very kindly by their minister, Elder Saws; and since I left they voted to open their house, not only for me to preach in, but for any of our Preachers visiting there. Riems Creek Chapel, belonging to the Methodists, was closed against me, so I had to preach in a school house near by. On the 2nd Lord's day in May, however, Dr. Ragan, a Methodist minister, had an appointment for himself and he invited me to fill his appointment, which I thankfully accepted, and had a full house and an attentive and patient-hearing for an hour and a half. I had been quite sick the week previous, and my high fevers caused a cancer near my right eye to inflame and to commence eating so rapidly and becoming so painful that I had to close my labors just when everything appeared to be working for the advancement of Truth, and the prospect most encouraging to build up a Church there. I trust that the good seed of Gospel truth which I sowed in the few sermons I preached there, has paved the way for the next visiting Minister to gather in the fruit and establish a Church there or near by. I reached home on the 15th of May, and ever since have been entirely disabled from all ministerial work only as I could occasionally write a letter to a few of our brethren and sisters to speak a word of encouragement.

My affliction is evidently from the Lord, who is too wise to err and too good to afflict without a cause, and I feel assured that although it has been so painful and so confining, yet, it was for my good and I trust will be overruled for the good of His cause. I have borne it without murmuring or repining, and the language of my heart all the time has been, "Let the will of the Lord be done."—My appointment was without any salary being pledged for my support, and this was done at my request, and as events have transpired, I am glad it was so. When I got ready to go over the mountains, I had no funds to bear my expenses, and applied to the Evangelical Committee to let me have thirty dollars with which they readily supplied me. I intended to have refunded that sum, had I not been prevented from my work, for the brethren very liberally contributed to me as I traveled and labored among them. Sister Fagg paid me $30, which was the exact amount of my expenses, going and returning. But my necessities have been such during so long a confinement that I have had to expend every dollar I could get to meet my absolute wants. I have received altogether, including the $.0 from your Committee, the sum of $228.45. My expenses up the country $30, leaving $198.45, contributed by brethren in this State,—the Hookerton Church paying $43.50 of it, and the rest sent to me from brethren in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. I trust and pray that the Lord will abundantly reward all those dear brethren and sisters for their kindness to their afflicted brother. If you think proper to appoint me as your Evangelist without salary, I shall be thankful, for it may be that the good Lord may restore me to his service, and if so, I want to work in His vineyard. May God bless your meeting and give great success to all your efforts to do good in His cause is the prayer of your Evangelist.

A. J. BATTLE.

(B.)

OBITUARY OF DR. JOHN A. LEGGETT.

The most exalted creation of earthly perfection is the Christian character, becoming more beautiful and lovely as it assimilates the divine perfections and the spotless purity of Jesus the Christ. Immersed in a world-atmosphere, deeply impregnated with the influences of evil and the contaminations of earth l ness, the Christian rises superior to the allurements of sin, and the seductions of folly, and presents to the world a purity of life and a nobility of soul, unknown and unattainable by man in an unregenerate state. His life is the embodiment of a living, active, vital principle of holiness, an emanation from the Deity, clothed in the garb of humanity. It is not perfection, for perfection belongs only to God, yet, it is the nearest approximation to it to which mortality can attain.—When beautifully exemplified in the life and character of a good man, it sheds a benign influence upon the world and exerts a power for good in the Church the result of which eternity above can unfold.

Elder JOHN A. LEGGETT was born in the County of Beaufort, State of North Carolina, on the 1st day of August, A. D., 1801. At the age of about twenty-five, he became obedient to the Faith, and attached himself to the congregation, worshipping at Old Ford, Beaufort County, then under the pastorate of his father and belonging to the Kehukee Association.

On the 2nd Lord's day in June, A. D., 1829, he was united in marriage to Eliza, beth Swain, of Martin County, who survives him.

In June, A. D., 1833, the Church at Old Ford granted to him license "to exercise his gift in preaching," and on the 2nd Lord's day in June, A. D., 1835, he was regular ordained a Minister of the Gospel by Elders, Jeremiah and Daniel Leggett.

After the death of his father, which occurred shortly afterwards, he was called to preach to this congregation and "understanding the way of the Lord more perfectly," through his influence, this Church severed her connection with the Kehukee Association and attached herself to the Conference of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina.

For a period of more than thirty years, he preached regularly and accceptably to the congregations, worshipping at Old Ford and Fanter's Creek.

In the year A. D., 1843, Elder Leggett studied the Thompsonian System of Medicine; and in a few years, he commanded a large practice and became eminently a successful practitioner. A large percentage of his practice was given gratuitously and unmurmuringly to the poor.

After a long life of great usefulness, he fell asleep in Jesus on the 2nd Lord's day in September, A. D., 1868. Conscious of the approach of death, he met the "*King* of *Terror*" calmly and "wrapped his mantle around him, and, as it were, laid himself down to pleasant dreams." He loved the Lord, and his end was peace.

Few men in his sphere have been more useful, labored more faithfully, or been more charitable to the poor, than Dr. Leggett. Those who knew him best, loved him most; and the best commentary on his life is, that his neighbors loved him as a father, and looked up to him as their Spiritual guide.

"Like autumn leaves," the pioneers of the Reformation are falling around us. Who will fill their places?

M. T. MOYE.

FARMVILLE, N. C., Oct. 4th, 1869.

(D.)
ROLL OF PREACHERS.

PREACHER'S NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
John T. Walsh,	New Berne, Craven County.
W. R. Fulcher,	" " "
Thomas H. Bowen,	" " "
J. W. P. Holton,	" " "
Isaac P. Holton,	" " "
Alonzo Holton,	" " "
Constantine Miller,	" " "
Josephus Latham,	Greenville, Pitt "
George Joyner,	Marlboro', " "
Gideon Allen,	" " "
H. D. Cason,	Swan Quarter, Hyde "
S. L. Davis,	Leachville, Beaufort "
John R. Winfield,	Pautego, " "
David H. Miller,	Goldsboro', Wayne "
John J. Harper,	Newton Grove, Sampson Co.
Daniel A. Williams,	Haw Branch, Onslow "
Stanley Ayres,	Williamston, Martin "
Henry Robinson,	" " "
J. J. Coltrain,	Jamesville, " "
J. M. Gurganus,	Plymouth, Washington "
Henry Gurganus,	" " "
Henry Cooper,	" " "
A. J. Battle,	Wilson, Wilson "
Joseph H. Foy,	Stantonsburg, " "
Jesse L. Ballard,	Tuckahoe, Jones "
J. B. Respass,	Bath, Beaufort "
A. C. Hart,	Hookerton, Greene "

STATISTICAL TABLE, (C.)

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Pledged	Paid.	Dismissed	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	S. W. Scarborough, R. E. Taylor	$ 20 00	$		2	5	2	2	123	$ 3 00
Kinston,	"	John Tull,								75	1 00
Christian Chapel,	"	Not Represented.								16	
Hookerton,	Greene,	A. C. Hart, Joseph Rouse, F. W. Dixon,	100 00	100 00	2	12	6	1	1	51	5 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. A. Brau, R. J. Weaver, S. Belcher,			4	14	12	1	2	88	5 00
Corinth,	"	M. T. Moye, R. B. Anderson.	35 00	35 00		1			1	52	3 00
Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, Thos. Bland, J. P. Quinley,							3	292	4 00
Rountree's,	"	A. Evans, Caleb Cannon, C. Cannon, Jr.,					5			32	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	W. A. Roberson, H. Taylor,				8	7	4	2	66	4 00
Brown's S. H.,	"	W. H. Cobb, W. Stancil, J. L. Smith,				7	12	1	2	65	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	Not Represented,								88	
Six Runs,	"	Not Represented,								126	2 00
Shady Grove,	"	Reported by Elder Harper,							1	97	1 00
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	Reported by Elder Latham,					11			39	
Mill Creek,	Johnson,	By Letter,	10 00			7	51			194	3 25
Concord,	Beaufort,	P. H. Johnston, S. Windley, G. T. Flinn,					22			157	4 00
Old Ford,	"	By Letter,				4	32			172	4 00
Trauter's Creek,	"	Adolphus Ward,			1		23			72	1 00
Beaver Dam,	"	Z. Shepherd,				1	21	4	3	132	2 50
Head of Pungo,	"	G. H. F. Davis,				1	1			28	
Pungo Chapel,	"	By Letter,					3		3	32	1 00
Union Chapel,	"	G. W. Oden,				4	9			81	2 00
White Hill,	"	Thomas Tunsill, J. W. Walker,				3	23			26	
Long Acre,	"	By Letter,					3			37	1 00
Welsh's Creek,	Martin,	Not Represented,								71	
Christian Chapel,	"	By Letter,				21	14	1		35	1 00
Macedonia,	"	J. E. Peel, H. A. Coltrain,					4	4		37	1 50
Popular Run,	"	By Letter,					1		2	34	1 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	By Letter,					1	2	1	25	1 00
Jenkin's Chapel,	Onslow,	Not Represented,								44	

Brown's S. H.	Onslow,	W. C. Jarman, J. T. Whaley,					12	2	1			57	1	00
Little Swift Creek,	Craven,	H. Gaskins, D. Gaskins,										14	1	00
Broad Creek,	"	B. Horton, H. T. Dunn,						2			1	32	1	00
Bay Creek,	"	Not Represented,										49		
Bethany,	"	S. S. Britton, G. R. Lewis, O. P. Banks,						1			1	53	2	50
Concord,	"	Not Represented,										33		
Goose Creek,	"	Not Represented,										23		
Christian Hope,	Washington,	By Letter,							18			82	1	00
New Hope,	"	Reported,							13		2	18		
Sound Side,	"	By Letter,							19			44		50
Clark's S. H.	Hyde,	Not Represented,										36		
Shady Grove,	Jones,	G. P Cox, G. R. Rand,						1		1	3	19	1	50
Tuckahoe,	"	Reported,						2	1	2		84	1	55
Pleasant Hill,	"	W. B. Fodum, A. B. Kinsey,						1		4	5	132	2	50
			Total,	$ 165	00	$ 135	00	19	94	318	27	35	3063	$67	30

MINUTES

OF THE

Annual Meeting

OF THE

Disciples of Christ,

OF

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

AT

OAK GROVE, PITT CO., N. C.,

October 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1870.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The ministers and messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ met at Oak Grove, Pitt County, N. C., on Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1870.

Elder J. H. Foy, who was appointed by the last Annual Meeting to preach the Introductory, delivered the discourse from the following—"Repent, and be baptized"—Act II, 38.

Conference was then organized by choosing Elder G. Allen, Moderator; Elder H. D. Cason, Assistant; Jos. Latham, Clerk, with Bro. C. Cannon, Assistant.

The officers entered immediately upon the discharge of their several duties.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

On the Order of Business—Dr. F. W. Dixon, E. A. Moye, and Elder J. H. Foy.

On Committee of Finance—M. T. Moye, J. B. Respess, and P. H. Johnson.

To supply the stand with preachers—S. Ayres, Jas. Robinson, W. Brand.

The Committee on Order of Business make the following report, viz:

1 Calling List of Churches.
2 Evangelizing.
3 Periodicals.
4 Hymn Books.
5 Lord's Day Schools.
6 Miscellaneous Business.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

The committee to supply the stand, report A. C. Hart to preach to-night; John M. Gurganus and J. H. Foy, to-morrow.

In accordance with the order of business the list of churches was commenced. To see the result, turn to App. Letter A.

On motion, agreed to adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Respess.

FRIDAY, Oct. 7th, 1870.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Bro. M. T. Moye. The proceedings of yesterday being read, were approved.

On motion, the newly organized church at Bentonsville, Johnston county, was ordered to be placed on the list.

The calling of the list of churches was finished, and then the second division of business, viz: Evangelizing, was taken up.

On motion, Brethren C. Cannon, M. T. Moye, and J. Latham, were appointed to draft resolutions upon the most important subject, to be submitted to-morrow.

Much enthusiasm seemed to be manifested by the brethren assembled; and we hope the time is not far distant, when the Gospel will be borne in triumph to destitute portions of our fair land.

Committee report Elder Miller to preach to-night; Elders Allen and Respess, to-morrow.

Adjourned till 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, Oct. 8th, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder John M. Gurganus.

The committee on Evangelizing make the following report. See App. Letter B.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

3 Division of busines—Periodicals.

This subject was freely discussed; and there appearing to be so much desire manifested for a Paper, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. See App., Letter C.

4 Hymn Books.

This subject being freely discussed, the unpleasantness or inconvenience of three or four different kinds of books was referred to; and while the one most commonly used was considered "good enough," yet it having gone out of print, and being impossible to supply ourselves with them, it was

Resolved, To adopt the New Edition of the Christian Hymn Book, published by the Christian Missionary Society, (which can be had from Dr. Walsh.)

5 Lord's Day Schools.

On motion, agreed that we recommend the Church of Christ everywhere to have Lord's Day Schools, at which children may be taught to love the truth instead of error, and to grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We are happy to know that many schools have allready sprung up among our churches, and are doing a good work.

6 Miscellaneous Business.

On motion, the resolutions in regard to Elder Battle were adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes. See Letter D, App.

On motion, Bro. M. T. Moye was appointed to write the Obituary for these minutes.

The committee to supply the stand report Dr. Walsh to preach the funeral solemnities of the lamented A. J. Battle on Saturday night; also, that Dr. Walsh and J. H. Foy preach on Sunday.

On motion, the names on the list of preachers were called.

On motion, the name of T. H. Bowen was erased from the list for alleged immoral conduct. Requested by Bethany Church.

On mention, the name of Elder A. J. Battle was erased, in consequence of his death.

On motion, the names of Jos. G. Gurganus, A. Latham, Thos. Roebuck, and W. H. Cobb, were added to the list by recommendation. Through the desire of Corinth Church, M. T. Moye's name is added.

On motion, the obituary (written by Bro. Isaac Brown) of Elder Wm. Heath was accepted, and ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

On motion, the time and place of holding the Annual Meeting was taken up, and there being petitions from Kinston, Hookerton, and Antioch, each was voted for separately, and a majority favoring, it was appointed to be held with the church at Antioch, Pitt county, N. C.—commencing on Thursday before 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1871,

On motion, Elder H. D. Cason was appointed to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. Latham, his alternate.

Having heard with pleasure that the colored Disciples have partially at least succeeded in organizing their Conference, we bid them God speed.

On motion, Elders J. B. Respess, J. R. Winfield and S. L. Davis were appointed to meet them in their next Conference, and assist them in a more perfect organization; and we send them one hundred minutes for their churches.

On motion, Elder G. Allen was appointed a delegate to the Grand Council of the Union Baptists, and he was allowed ten dollars from the minute fund to pay his expenses.

On motion, the preamble, &c., adopted by Corinth and Antioch churches, in regard to the reconciliation of our beloved brethren, Elder P. E. Hines and A. J. Battle, was ordered to be placed on the Conference Record, showing the fraternal feelings towards each other, proving neither party to blame when the matter was sufficiently understood.

Bro. Hines' beautiful and affecting remarks at his burial touched many a heart, coupled as they were with the hymn selected by Bro. Hines:

"Dear as thou wert, and justly dear,
We will not weep for thee;
One thought shall check the starting tear;
It is, that thou art free."

On motion, Elder J. Latham was appointed to transcribe the minutes, prepare them for the press, distribute them, and record them in the conference book, and he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services. Ordered, that 1,500 copies be printed, and that 100 copies be sent to the colored brethren who have formed a separate conference.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay over the amount of minute fund, $84 20, to J. Latham.

On motion, the thanks of this Conference were returned to the officers of the meeting for their faithful performance of their duties, and to the citizens of the community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Praise and prayer by Elder Walsh.

LORD'S DAY, Oct. 9th, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment; prayer by Bro. M. T. Moye.

After transacting a little unfinished business of yesterday, the ordination of Bro. M. T. Moye to the ministry took place, being preceeded by a fine address on the subject by Dr. Walsh.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at Antioch, Pitt county, N. C., on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's Day of October, 1871; after which we repaired to the stand and heard J. H. Foy and Dr. Walsh preach to one of the largest, if not the largest, congregation assembled on any similar occasion; after which we soon separated, many disciples, doubtless, rejoicing that they had lived to attend another of our annual meetings, noted for peace and harmony.

G. ALLEN, *Moderator*,
H. D. CASON, *Assistant*.

JOS. LATHAM, *Clerk*,
C. CANNON, *Assistant*.

List of Ministers with their Post Offices.

1	J. T. WALSH,	NEWBERN,	Craven County,	N. C.
2	W. R. FULCHER,	"	"	"
3	J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
4	I. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
5	ALONZO HOLTON,	"	"	"
6	C. MILLER,	"	"	"
7	J. LATHAM,	GREENVILLE,	Pitt	"
8	G. JOYNER,	MARLBORO',	"	"
9	G. ALLEN,	"	"	"
10	H. D. CASON,	WASHINGTON,	Beaufort County,	N. C.
11	S. L. DAVIS,	LEACHVILLE,	"	"
12	J. R. WINFIELD,	PANTEGO,	"	"
13	A. LATHAM, JR.,	"	"	"
14	D. H. MILLER,	GOLDSBORO',	Wayne	"
15	J. J. HARPER,	BENTONSVILLE,	Johnston	"
16	D. A. WILLIAMS,	HAW BRANCH,	Onslow	"
17	STANLEY AYRES,	WILLIAMSTON,	Martin	"
18	H. ROBINSON,	"	"	"
19	THOMAS ROEBUCK,	"	"	"
20	J. J. COLTRAIN,	JAMESVILLE,	"	"
21	J. M. GURGANUS,	PLYMOUTH,	Washington County,	N. C.
22	J. G. GURGANUS,	"	"	"
23	HENRY GURGANUS,	"	"	"
24	HENRY COOPER,	"	"	"
25	J. H. FOY,	KINSTON,	Lenoir	"
26	J. L. BALLARD,	"	"	"
27	J. B. RESPESS,	BATH,	Beaufort	"
28	A. C. HART,	HOOKERTON,	Greene	"
29	W. H. COBB,	ROCKY MOUNT,	Edgecombe	"
30	M. T. MOYE,	WILSON,	Wilson	"
31	LEMUEL SUMMERLIN,	BENTONSVILLE,	Johnston County,	N. C.

APPENDIX--A.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptised.	Received.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Min. Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	By letter,	3	2		4	1	139	$3 00
Kinston,	"	J. Tull, S. H. Rountree, I. Wood,	17	21				40	7 00
Christian Chapel,	"	Not represented,						16	
Hookerton,	Greene,	J. Rouse, J. Taylor, F. W. Dixon,	8	21	1			79	5 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. A. Brand, E. Turner,	1	1	5	3	1	80	5 00
Corinth,	"	M. T. Moye, E. A. Moye, I. J. Anderson,		1	2	2	2	47	3 00
Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. K. Wethrington, T. Bland,	1	1	6	2	4	283	2 50
Rountree's	"	Caleb Cannon, Amos Evans,	1				1	41	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	S. H. Taylor, S. E. Brown, J. R. Robinson,	1	3	5	3		63	3 00
Mount Pleasant,	"	W. H. Stancill, W. Stancill,	6	8		2		76	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	Not represented,						88	
Six Runs,	"	"						126	
Shady Grove,	"	By letter,						97	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	"						39	
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	"			13	3	2	150	2 00
Bentonsville,	"	"	2	23				25	1 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	P. H. Johnston, S. Windley, J. F. Latham,	3				1	154	4 00
Old Ford,	"	J. Woolard, F. B. Hodges,	33		2		2	169	4 00
Tranter's Creek,	"	A. C. Holt, J. Baynor, A. Ward,	10		4			85	1 00
Beaver Dam,	"	By letter,	9	2		3		140	1 00
Head of Pungo,	"	Not represented,						28	
Pungo Chapel,	"	By letter,					3	30	1 85

Union Chapel,	"	G. Oden, H. D. Cutler,	24				2	114	2 00
White Hill,	"	Riley Caton, T. D. Norman,	3	3				30	1 00
North Creek,	"	Radcliffe,						14	1 00
Welsh Creek,	Martin,	Edwin Ange,	4			2	2	46	1 00
Christian Chapel,	"	T. Ayers, W. H. Wilson,	30	3	11			49	2 50
Macedonia,	"	J. E. Peel, W. Wynn, J. H. Woolard,	7	1				46	1 50
Poplar Run,	"	J. E. Mizzell, W. C. Mizzell, S. H. Davis,	1			1		33	1 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	Stanley Stallings,	1	1	1		1	28	1 00
Jenkin's Chapel,	Onslow,	Not represented,							
Brown's S. H.,	"	By Letter,		9	8	1	1	62	75
Kitt swamp,	Craven,	"						14	1 00
Broad Creek,	"	"						35	1 00
Bay Creek,	"	G. Whealton, S. Whealton,	11	1				56	2 00
Bethany,	"	R. H. Hardison,				1	2	50	3 00
Concord,	"	By letter,						25	1 00
Goose Creek,	"	S. L. Holton, Thomas Holton,	7	5		1	1	41	2 00
Long Acre,	Washington,	H. H. Bowen, C. B. Latham,	4					39	1 00
Christian Hope,	"	J. W. Girkin, A. Jackson, L. Jackson,	4					81	1 00
New Hope,	"	By letter,	2					21	1 00
Sound Side,	"	C. Swain, McDavis, J. Craft,	21			2		65	1 50
Clark S. H.	Hyde,	Not represented,						19	
Shady Grove,	Jones,	By letter,	26	4				49	1 65
Tuckahoe,	"	J. W. Hoffman,	2					86	1 00
P. Hill,	"	By letter,	14	3		5	2	142	2 00
Beaufort,	Carteret,	Not Represented—14 members.							
			260	104	58	35	28	3169	$79 30

Christian Publications.

The publications of the Christian Brotherhood, including the Christian Hymn Book adopted at the late Conference, and other Biblical and Theological works, may be had of Elder J. T. Walsh, Newbern, N. C.

APPENDIX.

B.

REPORT ON EVANGELIZING.

BRO. MODERATOR: Your committee on the subject of Evangelizing report,

1st. That the dissemination of the Gospel belongs to the churches of Christ, and hence we recommend to the congregations composing this Annual Meeting to organize themselves into Union Co-operative Meetings to accomplish a more efficient system of evangelizing, and would suggest that the churches of Christ in Eastern North Carolina be divided into three Districts, known as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, as the interest of the cause demands. The first District to include all the congregations north of Tar River; the second, all between the Tar and the Neuse; and the third, all South of the Neuse.

2nd. That all the funds on hand belonging to this Annual meeting be divided equally between the three Districts. 1st District to R. T. Hodges; 2nd, to F. W. Dixon; 3rd, to T. H. Kinsey.

3rd. That each of these District Co-operation Meetings be requested to report to the Conference the amount of money paid by each congregation within its respective limits for evangelizing and local preaching.

☞ Let every letter sent to our next Annual Conference state the amount paid the traveling preacher, and also for the local or pastor, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. LATHAM,
C. CANNON,
M. T. MOYE,
} COMMITTEE.

C.

PERIODICALS.

WHEREAS, We deeply feel the necessity of a weekly publication in North Carolina in support of Bible Christianity;

Resolved, That all our brethren who feel any interest in this noble enterprise be requested to immediately send their names to the talented and accom-

plished editor, J. H. Foy, Kinston, N. C., who has been selected to edit the paper ; and as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers is received the first number will be issued, and you will be called upon to send the subscription price ($2). Act now, brethren, and get the finest paper in the State. If you neglect this it will not be published. Act! Act!! Act!!!

D.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO ELDER BATTLE.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler and Disposer of events, to remove our well beloved brother and co-laborer in the Lord, Elder A. J. Battle, from his sphere of earthly usefulness, and,

WHEREAS, The Deciples of Christ in North Carolina, for whom he has labored so faithfully in the past, have heard the melancholly tidings of his decease ; now, therefore, be

Resolved, 1st, That while as Christians we are constrained to bow with submission to this afflictive dispensation of his Father and ours, we feel that one of our noblest men has been gathered to his fathers, and that the Church has sustained a serious loss in the removal of one so eminently qualified by the clearness of his mind, and childlike purity and simplicity of his life for the promulgation of the Primitive Gospel.

2nd. That the Moderator of this Conference be requested to appoint some brother to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased, to appear with the minutes of this Conference and to be enrolled on its records.

3rd. That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to his surviving partner and the other members of his family in their bereavement, and assure them of our great and abiding confidence that God will sustain them by his grace if they lean upon his love.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be drafted by the Clerk of the Meeting and forwarded by mail to the widow of our dear departed brother ; and that the *Christian Review and C. Standard* of Cincinnati, and the Wilson *Plain Dealer* be furnished with copies for publication.

E.

OBITUARY

ON THE DEATH OF

ELDER AMOS JOHNSON BATTLE.

Elder Amos Johnson Battle, the son of Joel and Mary P. Battle, was born at Shell Bank, in the County of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, on the 11th of January, A. D., 1805.

His parents being of an influential family and having ample means, gave to their son the superior advantages of a good education, which he continued to enrich by close study and extensive reading during the whole of his laborious and useful life.

Placed above the necessity of laboring and possessing talents of a high order, the world proffered to him success and honors in the learned professions, the arena of politics, and the emoluments of wealth; all of which he spurned as possessing inferior aspirations to the sublimity and divine perfections of the Gospel of Christ.

In early life he was deeply impressed with the importance of obeying God; but having his mind greatly confused by the *mystic* and *muddled* doctrines of those who deny to man free agency, for a few years during his early manhood he gave himself freely to the pleasures and frivolities of the world. These proving altogether unsatisfactory, and feeling deeply impressed with the conviction that life should be devoted to more noble purposes and higher aspirations than mere animal gratification, he again directed his mind to the serious contemplation of the salvation of his soul.

Still mystified by those "mysterious manifestations" of the Spirit so often portrayed in the *experiences* of those who united with the Church in his immediate vicinity, he sought by prayer and humble supplication that God would make known to him, either by an "audible voice," or by some mysterious spiritual agency, his acceptability and election to eternal life; and failing in this, to obtain that peace of mind for which he sought, he turned to the Living Oracles of God; and learning therein the Divine Will, he became obedient to the Faith, uniting with the Missionary Baptist Church at Mount Zion, Georgia, in his 23rd year.

Three years afterwards, having returned to North Carolina, he was ordained to the ministry at a Baptist Convention held with the Church at Rogers' Cross Roads in the County of Wake. Entering upon his ministerial duties with a zeal and fervency which few possess, he devoted his means, his talents, and his life, to the proclamation of that glorious Gospel which he loved so well; preaching very acceptably and successfully during the remainder of his life, with the exception of a few intervals of short duration—first, to the Missionary Baptists: afterwards, to the Disciples of Christ, with whom he became identified about eighteen years ago.

Warm hearted, self sacrificing, zealous, and greatly devoted to Christianity, he endured hardness as a good soldier, even walking from house to house, from church to church, to proclaim the glad tidings of Salvation. Patient, hopeful, and forgiving, he meekly received the indignities which were heaped upon him—submitting his cause to God in the great Assize where the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed.

In the month of March, A. D., 1869, whilst successfully prosecuting the work of an Evangelst in the mountain region of North Carolina, he was attacked with cancer near the outward corner of his right eye, which became so painful that he was compelled, reluctantly, to abandon that inviting field where the harvest was *almost ready* for the sickle, and return home to seek medical aid. After applying various prescribed remedies, which failed to arrest the progress of the disease, he was induced, as a last resort, to place himself under the medical supervision of Dr. R. H. Kline of Philadelphia, who professes to make the treatment of cancer a specialty. Here, patiently enduring great suffering, both from the malignity of the disease and the severity of the treatment, which caused the loss of his right eye, at the expiration of five months, he returned home so much improved, that he himself and many of his friends were encouraged to believe that he would be speedily cured; but in this they were sadly disappointed.

Remaining at home about six weeks, preaching occasionally at the Court House in Wilson, the progress of his disease remaining unchecked, he again returned to Kline's Cancer Infirmary; but the skill of the physicians proving ineffectual, he was declared incurable and sent home to die. For five or six weeks longer he lingered, prostrated by the most intense physical sufferings, from which he was relieved by death on the 24th of September, A. D., 1870.

During the whole of his protracted and excruciating sufferings, which extended over the space of more than eighteen months, no murmuring complaints against the afflictive hand of Providence were ever known to have escaped his lips; but with the most perfect resignation, as a true Christian, he neither murmured nor complained. Only *one* sorrow seemed to brood over his mind, and that was, that he was denied the happy privilege of laboring in the Master's Vineyard. He often spoke of this with *deep* regret. The highest order of spirituality to be attained on earth was evidently acquired by him before his death. As an evidence of the truthfullnes of this assertion, the complete dedication of himself to God, found after his death, among his papers, in his own hand writing, is hereby inserted in full, as follows:

"Eternal and ever-blessed God! I desire to present myself before Thee with deepest humiliation and abasement of soul—sensible how unworthy such a worm is to appear before Thee, Holy Majesty of Heaven, and to enter into covenant transactions with Thee. I come,

acknowledging myself to have been a great offender; smiting on my breast, and saying with the humble Publican, "God, be merciful to me a Sinner." I come, invited in the name of thy Son, and wholly trusting in his perfect righteousness—entreating that, for his sake, Thou wilt be merciful to my unrighteousness, and wilt no more remember my sins. Permit me, O Lord, to bring back unto Thee those powers and faculties which I have ungratefully and sacrilegiously alienated from thy service; and receive, I beseech Thee, thy poor, revolted creature, who is now convinced of thy right to him, and who desires nothing in the world so much as to be Thine. It is with the utmost solemnity that I make this surrender of myself to Thee. I avouch the Lord, this day, to be my God; and I avouch and declare myself, this day, to be one of his covenant children and people.

"Hear, O! Thou God of Heaven, and record it in the book of thy remembrance, that I *am Thine, eternally Thine.* I would not consecrate to Thee *some* of my *powers*, or some of my possessions, or give to Thee a *certain portion* of my services, or all I am capable of, for a *limited* time; but I would be *wholly Thine*, and *Thine forever.* From this day do I solemnly renounce all the former lords which have had dominion over me; every sin and every lust which have most unjustly usurped the empire over my soul, and, in thy name bid defiance to Hell and to all the corruptions which their fatal temptations have introduced into my soul. The whole powers of my nature, all the faculties of my mind, and all the members of my body would I present before Thee, this day, "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," which I know to be my most reasonable service. To Thee I consecrate not only my person and powers, but all my worldly possessions; and earnestly pray Thee also to give me strength and courage to exert for Thy glory all the influence I may have over others in all the relations of life in which I stand. Nor do I consecrate all that I am and all that I have *only* to thy service, but I also most humbly resign and submit to Thy holy and sovereign will myself and all that I call mine.

"I leave, O Lord, to thy management and direction all I possess and all that I wish; and set every enjoyment and every interest before Thee, to be disposed of as Thou pleaseth--contentedly resolving, in all that Thou appointest for me, my will unto Thine; and looking on myself as nothing, and on Thou, O God, as the Great Eternal All, whose word ought to determine every thing, and whose government ought to be the joy of the whole rational Creation.

"Receive, O Heavenly Father, thy Prodigal; wash me in the blood of thy dear Son; clothe me with Thy perfect righteousness, and sanctify me throughout by the power of Thy Spirit. And, O Lord, when Thou seest the agonies of dissolving nature upon me, remember this Covenant, even though I should be incapable of recollecting it, and look with pitying eye upon thy dying child. Put strength and confidence into my departing spirit, and receive it to the embrace of Thine everlasting love."

Often seated by his bedside to receive spiritual instruction, which flowed so sweetly from his holy lips, he *often* expressed to me his entire resignation, saying: "No lingering shade of doubt of perfect acceptance with God disturbs my mind. I am perfectly resigned—willing and anxious for my earthly dissolution; yet I do not desire to hasten my death one moment, nor to prolong my life one moment, unless it is God's will. He knoweth best, and doeth all things well." Addressing his wife and children a short time previous to his death, he said: "Do not be so selfish as to desire to have me remain here in this suffering condition. Weep not for me. Christ was made perfect

hrough suffering; and I am willing to endure every thing the Lord nay see fit to afflict me with. It will all soon be over. And I am o happy at the prospect of rest and happiness that nothing disurbs me."

The humble petition to the pitying eye of God was beautifully answered in his conflict with the "last enemy" of man; for he died vithout a perceptible pang—falling "asleep in Jesus" as peacefully nd gently as a child seeks repose, nestling on the bosom of its mother.

M. T. MOYE.

Wilson, N. C., October 26th, 1870.

F.

OBITUARY

ON THE DEATH OF

ELDER WILLIAM HEATH.

Elder William Heath was born to Samuel and Elizabeth, July 2d, A. D., 1816, and was the youngest of five children by his nother, his father having born to him by a second marriage three hildren. His parents had but little of this world's goods; and he was aised to a life of toil and hardship, having obtained but a limited ducation.

He was married to Mary Spencer, A. D., 1837; and became obelient to the Faith the 15th of July, 1842; and united with the Conregation of Disciples at Pleasant Hill, Jones County, then under he pastorate of the much beloved (but since deceased) Elder Robert Bond.

He commenced preaching A. D., 1845, in his immediate neighborood, and extended his labors as opportunity offered. He was quite oor in this worlds goods—with an increasing family dependent on is individual labors for their support.

At that time it was too often thought, that a "free salvation" imlied that preaching should be free of charge also. And it is even ow to be feared, that too few of *us* remember the Lord has ordained hat they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

He often accompanied the late beloved Elder John Jarman, and ssisted him in preaching and building up churches. And later, the astorate at Tuckahoe, Jenkin's Chapel, Brown's School house, Shady Grove, and a few others, were almost entirely dependent on him.

Who but the All Seeing Eye can tell of the anguish and conflicting motions that he experienced between his duty to his God, and those oved ones at home whom God had confided to his care? How often lid he believe that it was impossible for him to bear the burden laced upon him unaided! But God, in whom he had put his trust, ided him. And he continued to preach nearly every Lord's Day, nd often of week days and nights, up to the time of his death (which erminated his earthly existence) the 27th of November, A. D., 1867.

He has left us a noble example of self-sacrificing faith and trust, hat it will be well for us to follow. He left a wife and eight children urviving him. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my ast end be like his."

Yours in the Faith,

ISAAC BROWN.

Jones County, N. C., Oct. 6th, 1870.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 5th, 1871.

The Ministers and Messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, assembled at Antioch, Pitt Co., N. C., on Thursday, 5th October, 1871.

Elder Cason, who was appointed by the last Annual Meeting, being sick, Elder J. Latham, his alternate, delivered a discourse from II and III chapters of 1st Corinthians.

The meeting was then organized by choosing, (by ballot,) Elder G. Allen, Moderator, with Elder George Joyner, Assistant, Josephus Latham, Secretary, with Bro. W. J. Moye, Assistant.

On motion, the Order of Business of last year was adopted, viz:

1. Calling the list of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Periodicals.
4. Hymn Books.
5. Lord's Day Schools.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

The Moderator appointed Brethren S. Windley, J. K. Witherington, and C. Cannon, a Committee of Finance.

To supply the stand with preachers, Brethren J. W. May, Wm. Frazier, S. Rasberry.

On Motion, Bro. Caleb Cannon was continued as Treasurer of this Meeting.

1st Division of Business. Calling the list of Churches was taken up, and the following responded as stated. See Statistical Table, App. Letter A.

When the name North Creek Church was called, it was moved that the reading of its letter be postponed, in consequence of having received S. H. Tyson as a member.

FRIDAY, Oct. 5th, 1871.

Conference met. Praise and prayer by Elder Holton, after which the calling of the churches was resumed, and to the regular list there was added a goodly number of churches, viz: Bethel, Lenoir Co.; Little Creek, Greene Co.; Taylor's S. H., Greene Co.; Chapman's S. H., Craven Co.; Berea, Pitt Co.; Lane's Chapel, Craven Co.; Neal's Chapel, Hyde Co.; Bethlehem, Craven Co.; Trinity, Beaufort Co.; Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.; (new church,) South West, Lenoir Co.; Albermarle, Washington Co.; Alpha, Craven Co.

On motion, the names of James L. Winfield, Irvin Jones, and J. T. Davis, from the U. Baptists; E. L. Sowers, of the F. W. Baptists, and Stephen Moore, of the Missionary Baptists, were received, and ordered to be placed upon the list of preachers.

Business suspended for Bro. J. L. Winfield to preach—his subject being found in 46th and 47th verses of 24th chapter of Luke: "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, &c."

2nd Division of Business. Evangelizing.

Upon this subject only one of three co-operations reported viz: the one between Tar and Neuse, or central co-operation, which report, on motion, was accepted and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes. See Appendix, Letter B.

Conference took recess to hear Bro. Alonzo Holton preach.—Subject, John 3 chap. 16 v. "God so loved the world, &c."

FRIDAY NIGHT.

In consequence of the rain, Bro. Davis failed to preach.

SATURDAY, Oct. 6th, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Peter E. Hines.

In reference to North Creek Church, Bro. Walsh offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, As the sense of the delegates of the churches of Christ in convention assembled,

That, in view of the fact that S. H. Tyson, charged with immoral conduct, has not, in the estimation of those brethren and

churches best qualified to judge, given proper evidence of repentance; and whereas, the church at North Creek has, in our judgment, acted hastily, prematurely, and unwisely in receiving him to membership, and particularly in restoring his ministerial functions, and delegating him to this body, in opposition to the known wishes of the church at Pungo Chapel; and, whereas, the peace of the churches is likely to be disturbed by the action of said North Creek Church, while we disclaim any disciplinary power, we strongly recommend and urge the North Creek Church to set herself right with her sister churches, by demanding of said S. H. Tyson, that he shall go to Pungo Chapel and make such confessions of repentance and amendment of life as the gospel requires; and that the said *Pungo Chapel, when such confession and amendment of life in fruits meet for repentance shall have been given, that they restore him to membership in their body, simply as a private member; and if he shall then continue to live an upright and godly life after he has been fully proved, to restore him his ministerial functions.

On motion, it was accepted.

3rd Division. Periodicals. As a failure to start the paper recommended by our last Annual Meeting was made, the following were mentioned as worthy of our support:—Weeklies: A. C. Review, Cincinnati, Ohio, B. Franklin editor, price $2; C. Standard, the same place and same price, Isaac Errett, editor; Apostolic Times, Lexington, Kentucky, M. E. Lard and others editors, price $2 50; Christian Monitor, monthly, Mrs. Gordin, Philadelphia, price $2—a very excellent ladies paper; Little Sower, a perfect gem for boys and girls, L. H. Dowling, Indianapolis, price $1; Little Watchman, for the wee ones, 50 cents per annum; Christian Examiner, Richmond, price $2; &c.

4th Division. Hymn Books. No cause to change the recommendation of last year, viz; the Christian Hymn Book, published by our brethren in Ohio, and sold by Dr. J. T. Walsh, Newbern, N. C. ☞ From whom any of the publications of our brethren may be obtained.

5th Division. Lord's Day Schools.

Upon this subject addresses were delivered by Bro. J. W. Harper, J. T. Walsh, Jno. R. Winfield, and J. Latham, strongly re-

* Let it be here understood that Pungo Chapel Church has a right to do as it pleases about the matter.

commending them to our brethren as important auxiliaries to the gospel, provided the right kind of books be used. We rejoice to hear that so many schools are carried on among us; glad to see an increased interest in this respect.

Conference suspended to hear Bro. M. T. Moye preach. Subject, "The New Name," Isaiah 65th chapter.

Conference met for evening session.

The Committee of Finance report:

The amount of Minute Fund from last year in J. Latham's hands, - - - - -	$20 00
Contributions this year, (1871,) - - - - -	79 75
	$99 75

C. CANNON,
S. WINDLEY.
J. K. WITHERINGTON, } Com.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

The list of preachers being called, the following names are retained, with others added, viz: See Appendix, Letter C.

On motion, agreed, That our Annual Meeting be known as the Annual State Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina.

The time and place of holding the next State Meeting being taken up, it was decided by a majority that it should be held at Kinston, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1872.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, it was agreed, That Bro. M. T. Moye be appointed a messenger to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Virginia, and he be allowed the sum of $30 to defray his expenses.

On motion, agreed, That Bro. J. Latham be requested to transcribe the Minutes, and have 2000 copies printed and distribute them among the churches; also, record in the Conference Book, and he be allowed $25 for his services.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay over the balance of the Minute Fund—after paying Bro. Moye $30—to Bro. J. Latham, for the purpose above stated.

On motion, our sincere thanks are tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for the great hospitality shown by them in supporting this meeting.

Dr. Walsh preached this afternoon to a large congregation.—Subject, 1st Cor. 5 ch. 7 and 8 verses. "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened, for Christ our passover is sacrificed for us," &c.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Bro. J. T. Davis preached. Subject, 1st Epistle of John, 2nd chapter, 1 and 2 verses: "My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not," &c.

2ND LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER, 1871.

An immense congregation assembled, which was addressed by Bro. Taylor. Subject, "The great Salvation," I and II chapters of Hebrews.

Elder G. Allen followed. Subject, 16 chap. of Matthew.

A few words of exhortation followed, then the hymn was sung, commencing,

"My Christian friends in bonds of love,"

after which, a few more words of exhortation by our venerable Bro. P. E. Hines, and the benediction was pronounced; after which refreshments were furnished, and then the hundreds parted, never more to meet on earth. May it be our lots to meet where parting will be no more—

"When in the holy, happy land,
We'll take no more the parting hand."

G. ALLEN, Moderator.
G. JOYNER, Ass't.

J. LATHAM, Secretary,
W. J. MOYE, Ass't.

STATISTICAL TABLE. [Appendix A.]

Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Received.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Evangelizing.	Local Expenses.	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Noah Rouse, M. B. Creech, R. B. Taylor,	2			1	4	134	73 00		5 00
Kinston,	"	John Tull, David Jackson, (Letter gives no St.)						45	27 50	900 00	2 00
C. Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						16			
Bethel,	"	J. T. Davis, C. T. Barwick, W. Summerlin,						40			2 00
South West,	"	By Letter,						15			1 00
Hookerton,	Greene,	Irvin Jones, J. S. Rouse, B. Forrest,	3		11			87	256 10	150 00	5 00
Little Creek,	"	W. Butts, Jos. McGlahon,						16			75
Taylor's S. H.	"	Wm. Frazier, J. A. Frazier,	37		10			47		15 00	2 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	Allen Bynum, J. W. May, W. R. Williams,		5	2	3		73	22 50	40 00	3 00
Berea,	"	Theophilus Smith, B. Tyson, John Tyson,						13			1 00
Corinth,	"	W. G. Lang, W. J. Moye, W. Joyner,		2				45	74 30	61 80	3 00
Fellows' Chapel,	"	S. S. Rasberry, T. Bland, Chas. Smith,	34	12	3	1	2	31			4 00
Rountree's,	"	R. Worthington, F. P. Johnston, C. Cannon,	2	3	1			42			2 00
Chapman's S. H.	"	J. K. Worthington,						24			1 15
Oak Grove,	"	H. Taylor, A. A. Baker,		3		4	2	58	6 00	39 60	3 00
Mt. Pleasant,	"	W. Stancill, W. H. Stancill, J. L. Smith,			1	2	3	74		17 55	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,	9		1	1	1	103			2 00
Six Runs,	"	" "	2				3	124			
Shady Grove,	"	No tRepresented,						97			
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	Represented by L. Summerlin,	10		2			51			2 35
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	Not Represented,						150			
Bentonsville,	"	By Letter,					1	24			1 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	S. Windley, J. H. Johnston, W. Muse,	20	1	2	3	1	166			4 00
Old Ford,	"	By Letter,	4		1	8	4	169		38 00	2 70
Tranter's Creek,	"	A. Ward,		2			1	70			1 00
Beaver Dam,	"	By Letter,	15	7	2		5	144		40 00	2 00

Head of Pungo,	Beaufort,	By Letter,	1				2	22			2 00
Pungo Chapel,	"	" "			2			32			1 00
Union Chapel,	"	Not Represented,	12		2			128			
White Hill,	"	By Letter,						30			
North Creek,	"	—— Ratliff, S. H. Tyson,						35			60
Trinity,	"	J. L. Winfield, H. H. Hill,						18			1 00
Union Chapel,	"	John Carrow, John Holmes, L. N. Downs,	17					17			
Welch Creek,	Martin,	By Letter,		4		1		41			1 00
C. Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						49			
Macedonia,	"	Not Represented.						46			
Poplar Run,	"	A. Davis, S. H. Davis,	2	1	2	1		37	11	25	1 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						28			
Brown's S. H.	Onslow,	Not Represented,						14			
Jenkins' Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						62			1 00
Kit Swamp,	Craven,	By Letter,						14			1 00
Broad Creek,	"	" "	3	2	4			40	18	00	1 25
Bay Creek,	"	" "						56			
Bethany,	"	B. F. Brinson, O. P. Banks, L. Pipkin,	37		40		2	90	88	00	3 00
Concord,	"	Not Represented,	20	1	1			25			
Goose Creek,	"	Not Represented,	20	1	1		1	60			2 50
Lane's Chapel,	"	C. Sutton, E. Andrews, E. Witherington,	9	2	2			35			1 50
Long Acre,	Wash'gt'n,	Not Represented,						39			
Free Chapel,	"	Represented by Bro. J. R. Winfield,	40		85			106			
Sound Side,	"	Not Represented,						65			
C. Hope,	"	Not Represented,						81			
Clark's S. H.	Hyde,	Not Represented,	6					25			
Neal's Chapel,	"	By Letter,	17					17			50
Shady Grove,	Jones,	G. P. Cox,				3	2	52	26	00	
Tuckahoe,	"	B. R. Heath, C. Mashbern,	1	3	3	3	1	81			
Bleasant Hill,	"	B. Brown, Chas. Brown, A. B. Kinsey,	12		2	12	4	139			2 60
Weir Creek,	Carteret,	Not Represented,						14			
Bethlehem,	Craven,	B. F. Stilley,	20		31			31			1 00
Alpha,	"	R. W. Smith, W. C. Brewer, S. A. Hill,	17					17			1 00
Albermarle,	Tyrrell,	Not Represented,						21			
			359	49	211	43	39	3475			79 75

(APPENDIX, LETTER B.)

Report from Central Co-operation.

To the Annual State Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, to commence at Antioch, Thursday, 5th Oct., 1871.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, the Churches situated between the Tar and Neuse rivers, comprising the 2nd Evangelical District, organized a Union Co-operation Meeting, at Hookerton, on Friday before the 3rd Lord's Day in November, 1870, and have since held meetings quarterly, as follows:

At Corinth in February, Wheat Swamp in May, and Fellows Chapel in August.

The following Evangelists have been employed during the year:

Elder V. A. Wilson,	3 months,	$250 00		
" G. Allen,	2 "	100 00		
" J. Latham,	2 "	100 00		
" A. C. Hart,	2 "	60 00		
" J. L. Winfield,	1 "	27 50		
There has been contributed by the churches,			501	85
Amount from Conference,			40	00
			541	85

E. A. Moye, Sec.

(APPENDIX C.)

List of Preachers with their Post Offices.

1. Peter E. Hines,	Wilson,	Wilson	County,	N. C.
2. John T. Walsh,	Newbern,	Craven	"	"
3. W. R. Fulcher,	"	"	"	"
4. J. W. P. Holton,	"	"	"	"
5. I. P. Holton,	"	"	"	"
6. Alonzo Holton,	"	"	"	"
7. C. Miller,	"	"	"	"
8. Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	Pitt	"	"
9. G. Joyner,	Marlboro,	"	"	"
10. G. Allen,	"	"	"	"
11. H. D. Cason,	Washington,	Beaufort,	"	"
12. S. L. Davis,	Leachville,	"	"	"
13. John R. Winfield,	Pantego,	"	"	"
14. A. Latham,	"	"	"	"
15. D. H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	"	"
16. J. J. Harper,	Bentonsville,	Johnston	"	"
17. D. A. Williams,	Haw Branch,	Onslow	"	"
18. Stanley Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin	"	"
19. H. Robinson,	"	"	"	"
20. T. Roebuck,	"	"	"	"
21. J. Coltrain,	Jamesville,	"	"	"
22. J. M. Gurganus,	Plymouth,	"	"	"
23. J. G. Gurganus,	"	"	"	"
24. Henry Gurganus,	"	"	"	"
25. Henry Cooper,	"	"	"	"
26 J. H. Foy,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
27. J. L. Ballard,	"	"	"	"
28. J. B. Respess,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
29. A. C. Hart,	Hookerton,	Greene,	"	"
30. W. H. Cobb,	Joyner's Depot,	Wilson,	"	"
31. M. T. Moye,	Wilson,	Wilson,	"	"
32. Lemuel Summerlin,	Bentonsville,	Johnston,	"	"
33. J. L. Winfield,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
34. Irvin Jones,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
35. J. T. Davis,	"	"	"	"
36. E. L. Sowers,	Swift Creek,	Craven	"	"
73. S. H. Moore,	Plymouth,	Washington,	"	"

1878

PROCEEDINGS.

The ministers and messengers composing the Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina, met at Robinsonville, Martin County, N. C., on Thursday, Oct. 10th, 1878.

In accordance with the appointment of last Conference, bro. Jesse T. Davis preached the Introductory Sermon, from 1st Cor. III: 10, 11.

The original Moderator, Dr. H. D. Harper, appointed the following brethren on organization, viz:

H. D. Robinson, G. F. Flynn and J. B. Taylor.

They reported for Moderator, H. D. Harper, Assistant, J. T. Davis; for Clerk, H. C. Bowen; Assistant, James L. Winfield. The report was received and adopted.

After taking the chair, the Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz: On preaching: H. D. Robinson, J. B. Taylor, C. W. Swain. On report of Churches: W. R. Williams, J. C. C. Jenkins, P. H. Johnson. On Finance: J. G. Gurganus, A. C. Hart, W. H. Lewis. On Lord'sday Schools: Isaac Chestnutt, J. V. Harper, Henry Winfield.

On motion, the Conference took a recess of one hour.

After refreshments the Conference re-assembled, and the Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches.

During the calling of churches, the Committee on preaching reported as follows:

For preaching to-night, Henry S. Gurganus; to-morrow, (Friday,) in the forenoon, J. G. Gurganus; in the afternoon, J. L. Burns.

At 3½ o'clock there was a motion to adjourn, which was lost.

After calling several churches, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow, (Friday,) at 9 o'clock, a. m. Benediction by Dr. Walsh.

FRIDAY, Oct. 11th, 1878.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and was led in praise and prayer by Eld. Josephus Latham and J. G. Gurganus.

By the kindness of the Grangers, we were allowed the use of their Hall for doing Conference business, to which we retired at once, on account of preaching in the church.

Calling list of churches was again taken up.

While calling list of churches, the Moderator appointed the following committee, to investigate the standing of our preachers, viz:

S. B. Taylor, H. D. Robinson, Jas. W. Draughan, R. T. Hodges, Levi Jackson, Jr.

After calling the roll of churches was completed, the following new churches were enrolled by vote of the Conference:

Oak Grove, Surry county, N. C.; Saulsberry's, Martin county, N. C.; Union Chapel, Onslow county, N. C.; Church of Christ, Vanceboro, Craven county, N. C.; Church of Christ, Grange Hall, Craven county, N. C.

The list of preachers was next called.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, Eld. Isaac P. Holton was appointed to write the obituary of Eld. Thos. H. Bowen.

On motion, the Conference adjourned for three quarters of an hour, to get dinner.

After dinner the Conference met in the church, and after singing "Nearer my God to Thee," Eld. J. Latham proceeded to read the obituary of bro. Milton F. Jarvis, and then that of Eld. Jno. M. Gurganus, which caused many tears.

These were followed by that of Eld. L. D. Summerlin, by Eld. J. J. Harper, which was heard with interest.

On motion, the Biographies were received and ordered to be printed as a part of the minutes.

The place of holding the next Conference was taken up. Petitions were presented by Kinston, Hookerton, Antioch and Corinth churches. Kinston received the majority.

On motion, Eld. Josephus Latham was appointed to preach the Introductory, and James L. Winfield his alternate.

At this point bro. J. L. Windfield offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered Gen. Bryant Grimes for his liberality, extended to our preachers and delegates, in passing over the Washington toll bridge.

Dr. H. D. Harper presented a series of resolutions in regard to missionary work by the Conference. They were discussed by him and several others at considerable length.

A Resolution to Convert the Conference into a Missionary Meeting.

WHEREAS: The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in N. C. is productive of but little good in the furtherance of the cause of Christ as it is now conducted. And

WHEREAS: There is a useless expenditure of the Lord's money in the present practice of printing, and distributing the proceedings of the meeting, with but little good resulting. Therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That we convert the Annual Meeting of the Disciples in N. C. into a Missionary Meeting, in practice and in fact; and that the contributions from the churches to the Minute Fund, shall be used to sustain a State Evangelist.

2. *Resolved*, That instead of publishing the proceedings, and sending them to the *churches*, that they be published in the State papers, and sent out to the world.

3. *Resolved*, That all the congregations be earnestly solicited to contribute far more liberaly than they have been doing heretofore, (to the Minute Fund,) for Missionary work, and that all the preachers be requested to present the claims of this Missionary cause, and take up public collections quarterly for this object.

4th. *Resolved,* That the Moderator of this Conference shall hold his office until a new election is had at the next Annual Meeting.

5th. *Resolved,* That the Moderator have the appointment of the Secretary and Treasurer.

6th. *Resolved,* That the Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute a Board of Managers for the transaction of business between the Annual Meetings of this body, and that they be required to report their proceedings to each Annual Meeting the next ensuing

7th. *Resolved,* That each Canference, on the report of a committee, appointed for that purpose, shall secure the services of an Evangelist for the general field; and that the Board of Managers have the power to supply his place in case of death, resignation, or unchristian conduct.

It was moved that a committee of five be appointed to take the resolutions in hand. The Moderator appointed W. R. Williams, J. V. Harper, T. M. Stevens, P. H. Johnson and Jordan Wilkinson.

The Committee on Preaching reported H. C. Bowen to preach to-night, bro. J. L. Burns to-morrow, (Saturday,) in the forenoon, and bro. Issac Chestnutt in the afternoon.

On motion, the Conference adjourned till to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Benediction by bro. Henry Winfield.

SATURDAY, Oct. 12th, 1878.

Conference met at the appointed hour. The opening service was conducted by Eld. J. J. Coltrain.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of last evening, submitted the following resolution as a substitute:

Report of Committee on Dr. Harper's Resolutions.

Bro. Moderator:

We, the committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of yesterday evening, beg leave to report the following as a substitute: That,

WHEREAS, It is plainly evident that the cause of Christ is languishing, from paathy and the great want of Missionery zeal; therefore be it

Resolved, That the congregations be requested to contribute liberally at the next Annual Conference for State evangelizing purposes, and that our preach-

ing brethren be requested to earnestly impress its great importance, whilst visiting the brethren, as a duty which should not be willingly neglected.

W. R. Williams,
P. H. Johnson,
J V. Harper, } Com.
T. M. Stevens,
Jordan Wilkinson,

Bro. Henry Winfield moved that the resolution be received and adopted. It was discussed by Dr. J. T. Walsh and Eld. Josephus Latham, and carried by a large majority.

On motion, the following churches were enrolled on the list:

Union Hill, White Sulphur Springs and also Jefferson Mission.

The Committee on Preachers handed in their report, which was read. The committee was discharged without adopting the report.

The Committee on Lord'sday Schools submitted their reported, which was read and accepted.

Report on Lord'sday Schools.

Bro. Moderator:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Lord'day Schools, submit the following report:

Kinston, Lenoir co., 30 pupils, 8 teachers. Rountree's Pitt co., 20 pupils, 3 teachers. Mt. Pleasant, Pitt co., 21 pupils, 3 teachers. Mill Creek, Johnston co., 100 volumes, value $25, 120 pupils, 10 teachers, Wilson's Mill, Johnston co., 25 pupils, 3 teachers. Bethel, Lenoir co., 30 pupils, 5 teachers. Christian Prospect, Onslow co., 30 pupils, 4 teachers. Union Chapel, Onslow co., 43 pupils, 5 teachers. Kitt Swamp, Craven co., 50 volumes, 40 pupils, 8 teachers. Goose Creek, Pamlico co., 50 pupils, 5 teachers. Bethlehem, Pamlico co., 30 pupils, 4 teachers. Middleton, Hyde co., 40 volumes, 25 pupils, 5 teachers.

We respectfully recommend to this Convention, the importance of urging upon our preachers the necessity of taking this matter in hand, organise schools where

there are none, and report at our next meeting.

ISAAC CHESTNUTT,
J. V. HARPER, } Com.
HENRY WINFIELD.

Eld. J. Latham moved that Dr. Walsh transcribe the minutes of the Conference, and that he be allowed $15 for his services. Carried.

At this point Dr. Walsh offered the following:

Resolved, That we print one thousand, (1,000,) copies of the minutes, and, after paying the expenses of transcribing, printing and mailing, the rest of the funds on hand be used for evangelizing purposes, and that the amount be handed over to the Sisters' Mission, to aid them in sending a preacher to any section they may select. Adopted.

Committee on Finance submitted their report, as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report the minute fund of last year being all expended, we have only the contributions of this year to report on hand, namely, $87.34, eighty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents.

J. G. GURGANUS,
A. C. HART, } Com.
W. H. LEWIS.

On motion, the Conference adjourned for ¾ of an hour for dinner.

After dinner the Conference met in the church, and after singing a hymn, Dr. Walsh presented the claims of our New-Berne brethren, for aid in building a house in which to worship. Collection $14.37.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, the name of D. A. Williams was dropped from the roll of preachers, for unchristian conduct, as reported by the Committee on Preachers.

On motion of bro. J. L. Burns, the name of Curtis Heath, after considerable discussion, was dropped, for incompetency, from list of preachers.

On motion, the names of brethren Jos. W. Stevenson, L. J. Terry, R. T. Sanders, P. T. Lehman, Silas Peacock,

John Idol and Richard Ponidexter, were entered on the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of bro. Augustus Latham was re-entered on the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of bro. T. W. Phillips was entered upon the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of bro. Geo. W. Jackson, Jr., be entered upon the list of preachers.

On motion of J. J. Woodley, the thanks of this Conference are tendered to the citizens of Robinsonville and surrounding country for their hospitality.

On motion of J. L. Burns, a public collection be taken up for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers in the South, and that the collection taken up shall be divided between Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss. Collection, $13.50.

Committee on Preaching report as follows: To-night, Dr. Walsh, to-morrow, (Sunday,) in the church, Dr. Walsh, at the stand, Jas. L. Winfield.

On motion, the Conference tender its thanks to the Moderator, Clerks and other officers.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at Kinston, Lenoir county, on Thursday before the second Lord'sday in October, 1879.

H. D. HARPER, *Moderator.*

H. C. BOWEN, *Clerk.*

Roll of Churches.

BEAUFORT Co : *Union Chapel*—Delegates, J. W. Latham, Hayward Bateman. Members 130; baptised 6; received 2; died 1. G. W. Oden, Clerk. Post Office, Bath, Beaufort county.

Union Chapel, Jr.—Delegate, W. W. Galloway. Members 42; baptised 1; received 5; dismissed 5; excluded 3; contribution $1 50. W. W. Galloway, clerk, Chocowinity, Beaufort county.

Trinity—Delegate, S. B. Latham. Members 31; died 1; received 2; baptised 2; contribution 75 cents. S. B. Latham, clerk, Washington, Beaufort county.

Head of Pungo—Represented by letter. Members 39; baptised 7; received 6; contribution $1. Daniel Allen, clerk. Pantego, Beaufort county.

Beaver Dam—By letter. Members 182; baptised 10; died 1; contribution 75 cents.

Tranter's Creek—Not represented. Members about 53.

Old Ford—Delegates, W. S Cherry, Henry Cherry. Member 248; baptised 2; died 2; contribution $1.50

White Hill—Not represented. Members about 45.

Blount's Creek—Not represented. Members 9

Pantego—Delegates, P. H. Johnson, Jordan Wilkinson, B. B. Wilkinson. Members 159; received 1; dismissed 3; died 1; expelled 7; contribution $2.00. Jordan Wilkinson, clerk, Pantego.

Post Oak Chapel—Not represented. Members about 30. Henry Robinson, clerk, Pantego, Beaufort county.

Juniper Chapel—Not represented. Members about 41

BUNCOMBE Co : *Refuge*—Not represented. Members about 30.

Bee Tree—Not represented. Members about 30.

Asheville—Not represented. Members about 15.

CRAVEN Co : *Kitt Swamp*—Delegate, A C Jackson. Members 76; baptised 11; received 13; dismissed 4; died 2; contribution $1 Noah S. Fulcher, clerk, New-Berne.

Alpha—Not represented. Members 28.

River Side—Baptised 9; received 2; members 62; delegates. J. L. Gaskin, E. F. May, L. J. Chapman; contribution $2. W. B. Moye, clerk, Maple Cypress, Craven county.

New-Berne Mission—Members about 8.

Vanceboro—(New church,) by letter. Members 28; contribution 50 cents. Thos. Williams, clerk, Swift Creek, P. O.

Grange Hall—(New church,) by letter. Members 18; contribution $1. C. H. Rhem, clerk, New-Berne, N. C.

DAVIE Co : *Mocksville*—Not represented. Members 35.

FORSYTH Co : *Pfofftown*—Letter, by S. A. Miller. Members estimated at about 150. Bethania P. O.

CARTERET Co : *Wier Creek*—Not represented Members about 18.

EDGECOMBE Co : *Draughan's Chapel*—Delegates, J. W. Draughan, E. Armstrong. Members 28; baptised 8; received 1; dismissed 3; contribution $2. H. L. Lyon, clerk, Whitakers, N. C.

Battleboro—Not represented. Members 18.

Tarboro Mission—Members 8.

GREENE Co : *Hookerton*—Delegate, J. B. Taylor. Members 128; received

2; excluded 6; dismissed 2; contribution $5. F. W. Dixon, clerk, Snow Hill Post Office.

Eden—By letter. Members 76; baptised 11; received 6; dismissed 1; died 1, contribution $1.50. Wm. Frazier, clerk, Snow Hill.

Resort Mission—Members 7.

HYDE Co: *Clark's School House*—Not represented. Members 25.

Neil's Chapel—Not represented. Members 63.

Swan Quarter—Not represented. Members 30.

Middleton—By letter. Members 108; baptised 2. G. W. Silverthorne, clerk, Middleton P. O.

Springfield—Not represented. Members 63.

JONES Co: *Deep Spring*—By letter. Members 41; baptised 3; received 1; contribution 50 cents. Z. T. Koonce, clerk, Trenton P. O.

Shady Grove—Not represented. Members 46.

Tuckahoe—Not represented. Contribution $1.60; members 90,

Pleasant Hill—By letter. Members 132; baptised 1; dismissed 3; contribution $2.

White Oak—Not represented. Members 49.

JOHNSTON Co: *Mill Creek*—Delegate, J. V. Harper. Members 224; baptised 1; excluded 3; died 1; contribution $3. S. D. Thornton, clerk, Newton Grove, Sampson county.

Wilson's Mills—By letter. Baptised 5; members 34; received 1; contribution $3. J. W. Vincent, clerk, Wilson's Mills P. O., Johnston county.

LENOIR Co: *Wheat Swamp*—Members 143; received 3; contribution $5. Delegate, J. T. Walsh; E. L. Sutton, clerk, Kinston, N. C.

Kinston—By letter. Members 78; baptised 1; received 5; expelled 1; contribution $2.50, N. D Myers, clerk, Kinston, N. C.

Bethel—By letter Members 92; baptised 3; received 2; dismissed 3; contribution $2.25.

South West—Not represented. Members about 10.

Briery Swamp—By letter Members 40; baptised 4; received 5; died 1; contribution $1. Thos. Ward, clerk, Kinston.

MARTIN Co: *Christian Chapel*—Delegate, J. R. Roebuck. Members 85 baptised 3; contribution $1.50. W. H. Wilson, clerk, Williamston, Martin county.

Macedonia—Delegates, J. H. Woolard, I E Peel. Members 49: baptised 4; received 1; contribution $1 J. Edwin Peel, clerk. Williamston

Robinsonville—Delegates, H. D. Robinson, J. N. Manning, J. H. Grimes Members 40; baptised 11; dismissed 12; expelled 2; contribution $1.50. W. T. Outterbridge, clerk, Robinsonville.

Poplar Chapel—Delegate, Ashly Davis. Members 60; received 1; dismissed 4; contribution $1. H. H. Davis, clerk, Jamesville, Martin county.

Zion's Grove—Delegates, Samuel Reason, J. H. Glisson, J. B. Manning. Members 25; contribution 50 cents. Samuel Reason, clerk, Robinsonville.

Manning's School House—By letter. Members 40; baptised 2; died 1. Name of clerk and Post Office not known.

Saulsberry—Delegate, J. A. B. Cooper. Members 20; contribution $1.

NASH Co: *Red Oak Mission*—Members 7; baptised 1.

ONSLOW Co: *Christian Prospect*—By letter. Members 65; died 2; received

1; dismissed 2; contribution $1. Wm. Basden, clerk, Richlands, Onslow county.

Union Chapel—Delegates, S. B. Taylor, G. H. Simmons Members 57; baptised 12; received 1; died 1; contribution $2. L. E. Duffy, clerk, Catharine Lake P. O.

PITT Co: *Antioch*—Delegate, W. R Williams. Members 90; excluded 2; contribution $3. G. W. Barrett, clerk, Farmville.

Berea—Delegates, P. A Nichols, W. Tyson Members 21; received 1; contribution 50 cents. J. J. May, clerk, Greenville, P. O.

Salem—Delegates, T. Bland, J. Holton, F. M. Kilpatrick Members 98; baptised 5; dismissed 1; died 1; contribution $3. Calvin Stokes, clerk, Johnson's Mills P. O.

Corinth—By letter. Members 49; received 1; contribution $3. E. A. Moye, clerk, Farmville P. O.

Timothy Chapel—Delegate, Isaac Moore. Members 56; contribution $2; received 8; dismissed 1; died 1; baptised 6. Amariah Gardner, clerk, Johnson's Mills P. O.

Rountree's—Delegate, J. C. C. Jenkins. Members 48; baptised 1; excluded 2. Caleb Cannon, clerk, Ridge Spring P. O

Oak Grove—Delegates, W. A. Robinson, S H. Taylor Members 91; baptised 8; received 2; excluded 1; contribution $3. Irvin N. Keel, clerk, Robinsonville,

Mount Pleasant—Delegates, James Harris, F. Ward, Wilie Stancill Members 81; baptised 1; died 2; contribution $2. J. L. Smith, clerk, Greenville P. O.

ROCKINGHAM Co: *Madison*—Not represented. Members about 67.

SAMPSON Co: *Pleasant Union*—By letter. Members 105; contribution $1.50. B. Hill, clerk, Newton Grove, Sampson county.

Six Run's Chapel—Delegates, P. M. Stevens, R. J. Powell. Members 104; baptised 9; received 11; excluded 12; died 3; contribution $1.75. W. R Weeks, clerk, Bennett's X Roads P. O.

TYRRILL Co: *Albemarle*—Not represented. Members 74; baptised 8; received 1. Edwin Walker, clerk. Scuppernong P O. Washington county.

Gum Neck—Not represented Members 56; baptised 6; received 1; died 1. James Swain, clerk, Gum Neck, Tyrrill county

Sound Side—Not represented. Members 20. Henry Hyman, clerk, Columbia Post Office.

Sharon—Not represented. Members 66. W. W Walker, clerk, Columbia.

WASHINGTON Co: *Long Acre Chapel*—Delegates, H H. Bowen, H. C. Bowen. Members 59; baptised 6; contribution $1. H. H. Bowen, clerk, Plymouth Post Office.

Saints Delight—Delegates, C. W. Swain, G. W. Allan. Members 71; baptised 14; received 2; contribution $1.25. Edward Swain, clerk, Plymouth P. O.

Chapel Hill—Delegate, W. J. Everett. Members 42; died 1; expelled 1. W. D. Cooper, clerk, Plymouth P. O. Contribution 50 cents.

Free Chapel—Delegate, W. D. Hafield. Members 129; received 5; died 1; dismissed 2; contribution 50 cents. T. J. Basnight, clerk, Scuppernong P. O.

Phillippi—Delegates, J. J. Woodly, J. S. Phelps. Members 185; baptised 32; died 3; received 5; contribution $1 50. C. N. Mason, clerk, Creswell P. O.

Christian Hope—Delegates, Jas. R. Sullivan, L. Jackson Members 122; received 4; baptised 13; expelled 7; died 3; contribution $1.50. S. L. Jackson, clerk, Plymouth P. O.

Zion's Chapel—By letter. Members 64; baptised 5; received 1; contribution 50 cents. J. D. Ambrose, clerk. No Post Office given.

Holly Neck—Not represented Members about 60.

Wayne Co: *Goldsboro Mission*—Members 6.

Eureka—Delegate, E. H. Grantham. Members 182; baptised 21; died 2; excluded 5; received 2; contribution $1.55. Erastus Godwin, clerk, Dudly P. O., N. C.

Wilson Co: *Wilson*—By letter. Members 22. R. W. King, clerk, Wilson Post Office. Contribution $2.

Pamlico Co: *Pamlico Chapel*—Not represented. Members 37.

Broad Creek—Not represented. Members 45. Barzillai Holton, clerk, New-Berne, P. O.

Bethany—By letter. Members 110; dismissed 3; died 4; contribution $2. R. B. Hardison, clerk, Beard's Creek P. O

Bay Creek—Not represented. Members 59. John Mayo, clerk, Vandemere Post Office

Concord—By letter, Members 49; baptised 7; received 13; contribution 50 cents John T Brabble, clerk, Stonewall P O.

Goose Creek—By letter. Members 55; dismissed 3; contribution $1. T D Holton, clerk, Grantsboro P O.

Bethlehem—Delegates, W H Lewis, Jr, Levi Wooten. Members 54; baptised 10; received 13; contribution $1,65. B H Ipock, clerk, Stonewall P O.

Surry Co: *Stony Creek*—By Letter. Members 26. W M Brinkley, clerk, Flat Shoals P O

Sulphur Springs—Members 30; baptised 5; contribution 50 cents. J J Stone, clerk, Daltons P O, Stokes county.

Stokes Co: *Union Hill*—By letter. Members 24; contribution 50 cents. G W Carral, clerk, Wilson's Store P. O.

Jefferson Mission—By letter. contribution 50 cents. S A Miller, clerk, Bethania, Forsyth county.

Yadkin Co: *Mt. Nebo*—by letter. Members 60. L W Jones, clerk. Contribution 50 cents Mt Nebo P. O.

Report of Committee on Churches.

Bro. Moderator:

We are glad to be able to say that the reports from churches show encouraging prosperity has attended our efforts during the past year. We report the addition of twelve new congregations, with an aggregate of 240 members. Number baptised, 278. Received from denominations, 88. Died, 36. Expelled, 50. Total membership reported, 5,728.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. R. Williams,
J. C. C. Jenkins, } Com.
P. H. Johnson.

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address, in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt county,	N C.
STANLY AYERS,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
J. L. BURNS,	Tarboro, Edgecombe	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Engelhard, Hyde	"	"
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
W H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC CHESTNUTT,	Maple Cypress, Craven	"	"
HENRY O. CUTLER,	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess' Mills, Hyde	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
J T. DAVIS,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
J. H. FOY,	Farmville, Pitt	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge "	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Middleton, Hyde	"	"
J. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New-Berne, Craven	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield, Johnston	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Harpers, "	"	"
DR H. D. HARPER,	Snow Hill, Greene	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
JOHN IDOL, (1878,)	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro, Pitt	"	"
GEO W. JACKSON, (1878,)	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
P. T. LEHMAN, (1878,)	Mt. Airy, Surry	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong, Washington	"	"
SILAS PEACOCK. (1878,]	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
RICHARD POINDEXTER, (1878)	Mt. Nebo. Yadkin	"	"
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
R. W. STANCILL,	Mt. Airy, Surry	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
JOS. W. STEVENSON, [1878,]	Wilson's Store, Stokes	"	"
R. T. SANDERS, [1878.]	P. O. not known.		
R J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
L. J. TERRY, [1878,]	P. O. not known.		
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville, Martin	"	"
J. L. WINFIELD,	Swift Creek, Craven	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington,	"	"
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Washington, Beaufort	"	"

IN MEMORIAM.

Biographical Sketch of Lemuel David Sumerlin.

BY J. J. HARPER.

If the success or failure, in high and holy attainments, of each succeeding generation, is largely attributable to the conduct of the generation which preceded it, then the ennobling deeds of the wise and good should be carefully embalmed, and faithfully transmitted for the benefit of those who are to come after them.

The subject of this brief notice was born in Duplin County, North Carolina, on the 27th of March, A. D. 1845. His parents, Jesse and Margaret Sumerlin, some years afterwards, moved to Wayne County, and settled on a farm, where they now reside. They soon became faithful followers of the Lord themselves, and encouraged their children to do so. They were in humble circumstances, and often found their energies severely taxed, and their resources heavily drawn upon to meet the current necessities of their large family. Under these circumstances, brother "Lem," as he was familiary called, found it necessary to rely mostly upon the proceeds of his own industry while in pursuit of knowledge. In order the better to accomplish this, after remaining and laboring with his father on the farm, until he attained his majority, he attended school and engaged in teaching alternately; and by rigid economy, and incessant application he obtained a good English education, with a fair knowledge of the Latin.

When about twenty-two years of age, under the efficient ministry of brother Josephus Latham, he became concerned about the future welfare of his soul, and being convinced that the Gospel, as preached by the Disciples, was the Gospel of the Son of God, he yielded to its demands, and was baptized into Christ by brother Latham.

He was very observant of men and things, and immediately on

becoming a christian, he noticed the great divergence from the divine line, of many so-called christians, and, also, the world's great need of the Gospel in its original purity, divested of all human appendages. This enkindled in his heart a desire to raise a warning voice against sin, and to point the world to that Saviour whom he had accepted, and in whom he had found peace through obedience.

The congregation at Mill Creek, of which he was a member, being satisfied of his moral worth and christian faithfulness, and, also, of his knowledge of the plan of salvation, and promise of usefulness to the cause of Christ, ordered that he should be ordained to the work of the ministry, which was done in October, 1869, the writer and the elders of the church officiating His first sermon had been preached in August, of that year, which was the beginning of a brief but useful ministry.

His discourses were generally short, well arranged, and argumentative, rather than hortatory. He copied in a book kept for the purpose, an outline or skeleton of al his discourses, together with the date and place where they were preached, the number baptized, and many other items of interest worth preserving.

He had a clear, vigorous and well-balanced intellect, and had his physical endowments been equal with his mental, he could have become a tower of strength in the gospel field. But, having a weak, nervous system, his incessant mental application, while engaged in teaching and preaching, made rapid inroads upon his health, and finally, prevented the realization of his fondest dreams.

He was married March 18th, 1875, to Miss Emma Etta Bryan, of Sampson county, who, with one child, a little daughter, survive him to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and tender father.

On the third Lord'sday in April, 1875, he preached at his regular appointment, at Eureka, in Wayne County, and then rode home, several miles, facing a cold, piercing wind, from which he contracted a deep cold, which settled on his lungs, and rapidly developed in consumption, from which he suffered a little over two years, when death came to his relief. The attack was very severe and unyielding, so much so that he said to the writer, on one occasion, that he never had entertained any real hope of recovery.

He was a strong believer in the divine origin of the contents of the Bible, and hence his abundant resource of consolation in the immediate prospect of death. On a fly-leaf of his Bible, written in his own hand, we found these words:

"Read with care,
Study with prayer—
'Twill thy heart console,
And save thy soul."

A few days before his death, in conversation on the subject, he said to the writer, "I am not afraid to go; I have tried to do my duty. I can willingly leave every thing but my wife and babe." Here the thought of his young wife and infant daughter, both of whom he tenderly loved, moved him to tears; but, suppressing his feelings, he added "the Lord will take care of them," and seemed to feel resigned.

He died calmly and peacefully, at his father's house, in Wayne County, on the 26th of April, 1877. His mind was unclouded, and his faith and hope strong and brilliant to the last moment. He has doubtless realized all. His faith is no more faith; it is lost in sight. His hope is no longer hope; it has changed to realization. His work is done. He rests from his labors while his works follow him.

Biographical Sketch of Eld. John M. Gurganus.

BY JOSEPHUS LATHAM.

The grave has received another of earth's bright jewels. in the person of Elder John M. Gurganus, who stood the storms of many winters, but like the majestic oak of the forest, is now felled by the hand of death. In early life he manifested great veneration for his Creator, and as might have been expected, he cast his lot with the people of God, and like all pure christians, his soul longed for the salvation of sinners—to see others in the service of Him in whom we live and move and have our being; and though he never had the opportunity of procuring a good education, yet, he determined to do what he could for the cause of his Redeemer; and his fine standing as a pure christian, combined with great

zeal and warmth of heart, had a powerful effect in winning souls to Christ. For what cares an enquiring one interested in his salvation, whether the answer to the question "what must I do to be saved," comes to him in rounded sentences and polished words, or not? And while souls are perishing and the cause of our Saviour languishing, all should do their duty. The past shows that though bro. Gurganus' opportunities had been so meager, yet, when he went forth preaching the word, he was wonderfully successful, and, perhaps, never more so than since the war, he, like some others saw, after the war, unless extra efforts were made the cause of pure christianity must languish in our State; and he buckled on the armor more closely, and prepared for the conflict; and aided by his devoted son, Henry, they commenced in earnest; and for weeks left home and business, and proclaimed the gospel to perishing sinners. The result was glorious. Scores were added and the churches revived in the counties near them. And though they preached and sacrificed thus, it was without compensation. While we may admire such heroic losses of time and means, we can not as well admire the principle which withholds the helping hand; for our Saviour said, "the workman is worthy of his hire," and Paul says, "The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." So while it is our duty to preach, there is also a duty to be performed by the recipients of the grace of God. But neither poverty nor opposition could deter this blessed man from duty; hence, he battled on until death found him at his post, but not until he had seen two more of his sons wielding the sword of the Spirit—one of whom is our beloved Evangelist, whose praise is in all the churches.

The writer of this loved bro. Gurganus with undying affection. He was the friend and co-laborer of his, (my) venerable father, T. J. Latham, long years ago, between whom there existed a very warm attachment for each other. When but a youth, the writer learned to love him; and now, amid the demoralization of the present time, when joining the church seems, to mean, so little, in the estimation of some, and withdrawing from the Conference such a light thing; it is sweet to reflect upon the life and example of one so pure, devoted and holy, as that of Eld. J. M. Gurganus. His name was put upon the Conference list about thirty or more years ago, but nearly all the others are gone, many have been re-

moved by death, and but few remain of those whose names were there then. His name is now removed—not by a living request for dissatisfaction, but because his tongue is palsied in death. How sad when we meet in Conference no more a Parrott, a Jarman, a Gaylard, a Dillahunt, a T. J. Latham, a Battle, a Dunn, a Bond, and oh! how many others who have passed away! And how soon will the writer's name be removed, because of death! For heaven forbid its removal for any other cause! No! let not ambition, neglect, nor any cause, while he can breathe the breath of life, cause it to be taken away, until like the noble Gurganus, he is in the cold grave. Take it not off from the list of my dear brethren's names, until my tongue is silent in death.

The writer looked upon bro. Gurganus as one of the purest and best of his day—filling up the measure of a follower of Christ—a good neighbor, a good husband, a good father, and above all, a pious christian, who goes to the grave with a name unsulled. "O may I die the death of the righteous, and my last end be like his."

Fallen as sets the sun at eve,
To rise in splendor where,
His kindred luminaries shine
Their heavenly bliss to share;
Beyond the stormy battle field,
He reigns in triumph now,
Tuning a harp of wonderous song
With glory on his brow.

Biographical Sketch of Milton Frost Jarvis.

BY JOSEPHUS LATHAM.

The subject of this sketch, the son of Jno. C. and Nancy Jarvis, was born in Washington, N. C., March 14th, 1851. Soon after, his parents re-moved to Pantego, Beaufort County, N. C.

In early childhood, he manifested a lovely disposition, kind and obedient to parents, and so affectionate to his friends, that he was loved by all who knew him; hence, his confession of the name of Christ, on the 1st day of July, 1872, and his baptism, by Elder John R. Winfield, on the same day, gave much joy to the Disciples at Concord—so certain were they, that he would be a bright and shining member of the said congregation. Having now entered

into the service of the Redeemer, and having tasted the joys of sins forgiven, and reconciliation to God through the blood of Christ, his great heart yearned to see others brought to Jesus, and at an early day he began the proclamation of the gospel; and so promising was he, that the church ordered him ordained to the ministry; and on the 4th Lord'sday in March, 1873, he was set apart to the work of an Evangelist, by Elder John R. Winfield and bro. A. Latham, Jr., and from that time we date a higher degree of usefulness. He was not what we would call an educated man, by any means; but, with a bright mind, quick to grasp a truth, combined with a noble heart—kind, humble and zealous, as he was, his influence was great, and a life of usefulness seemed spread out before him; but, like many others of us, he had to follow other occupations to make a livelihood, and having chosen merchandizing, while on his way North, to buy goods, he took a very deep cold, which finally resulted in that dread disease, consumption. His body, naturally frail, was unable to stand the wasting influence of the scourge. He was tall and slender, with a calm and sweet expression of countenance, and was what might have been called a handsome man, and really made a fine appearance in the pulpit, which he often filled with great acceptation, even after he was far advanced in the disease, which was so surely bearing him to the grave. His last sermon was delivered at Pantego, in which he seemed to throw much of the zeal and fire of days gone by, and the effort was crowned with success, in bringing one soul, at least, to Christ. Yet, it was too much for his enfeebled and worn out lungs, and emaciated body, and he was never able to preach again, but gradually continued to sink, until the 26th of January, 1877, when this precious, this noble, this dear young man breathed his last, with a bright hope of a blessed immortality. While many mourned with hearts stricken with sorrow at the untimely death of one so gifted, there was another whose young heart was torn more sadly than any—it was his betrothed—she, young, handsome and lovely, had looked forward to many long and happy years with the beloved Milton; but all these hopes have been blasted by the chilling hand of death. Sad, sad was the passing away of one so pure and so good, but our loss is his eternal gain. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Bro. Jarvis has escaped the thousands of chilling neglects that

many of us may pass through. Then—

"Not for the pious dead we weep
His sorrows all are o'er;
The sea is calm the tempests past
On that eternal shore;
His peace is sealed, his rest is sure,
Within the better home;
A while we weep and linger here
Then follow to the tomb"

Biographical Sketch of Eld. Wm. R. Fulcher.

BY ELDER A. J. HOLTON.

Elder William R. Fulcher, son of Joseph and Mary Fulcher, was born in Craven County, N. C., June the 17th, 1801. At the age of about twenty-six years, he confessed his faith in Christ, by obedience to the gospel, and became a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, where he remained for several years, when he became convinced of the great necessity of all God's people being united in one body, and severed his connection with the Baptists, and became united with the Disciples of Christ, where he remained the remainder of his life.

He was married tw ce, first to Miss Catharine Morgan, January 3rd, 1826, and secondly to Miss Sarah J. Keel, March 12th, 1857, who survives him, having three children living.

He was ordained to the work of the ministry June 6th, 1841, by Elders Robert Bond and John Powel. From that time, for a period of about twenty years, he preached regularly, and after then occasionally, up to a few years before his death, when he became so hard of hearing, and afflicted otherways, he had to stop entirely for the remainder of his life.

Bro. William R. Fulcher, as a man, stood high in the estimation of the people generally; regarded as an honest and peaceable citizen, and good neighbor. As a christian, he was consistent. His comforts and hopes were derived from faith in Christ, and the promises of his word. His piety was of that character as to enable him to give a reason for the hope that dwelt in him. As a preacher, he earnestly contended for the truth, making no compromise with error of any sort.

Bro. Fulcher was confined to his bed for several months previous to his death, which he endured patiently to the end, seeming to be fully resigned to the will of God. A few days before his death, fully conscious of his death, he gave his wife a solemn charge, concerning the training of his children, who are quite young, and yet to shape a course in life, either for good or evil.

Having now completed his work on earth, of a long life of service to God, and of usefulness to his fellow man, he fell asleep in Jesus, on July 30th, 1877, to enjoy the sweets of that rest that remains only for the people of God.

WATCH-TOWER FOR 1879.

I had hoped that this year, (1878,) would be the last of my editorial life; but as no one seems disposed to enter the field, and as a paper, devoted to the cause we plead, is a necessity, I make this announcement for Volume VII, 1879.

1. The *Watch-Tower* for 1879 will be published in newspaper form on a sheet 23x33, 24 columns, at $1 per volume of 12 numbers.

2. It will be published on the cash system, and be mailed only to those who pay in advance, unless otherwise agreed in particular cases.

3. Our preaching brethren, and all others who interest themselves in procuring and forwarding subscriptions, will be compensated in proportion to their labor and success.

4. All agents, procuring subscribers and not forwarding the money in advance, will be held responsible for the unpaid subscriptions; and, if unknown to us, the paper will not be mailed until payment is received.

5. Many of our present subscribers are in arrears, some for two years. The names of all these will be dropped at the end of this year, unless they pay up and renew for 1879.

6. We affectionately ask and urge all our preachers, and the brethren and sisters, who may receive this Prospectus, to mak an immediate effort to fill up the blank below, and forward to me,—remember, *with the money.* Let us hear from all by first of December. The Fall and Winter is the money season. Make use of the time.

☞ And we expect to have an able corps of contributors, male and female, and among these we mention brethren J. J. Harper, Dr. H. D. Harper, J. H. Foy, J. Latham, J. L. Winfield and J. L Burns; and among the sisters W. R. Tull, Sue Hellen Draughan and Sallie R. Dixon. Let there be a movement all along the line.

JNO. T. WALSH.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina assembled with the church in Kinston, October 9, 1879. Elder Josephus Latham by appointment preached the introductory sermon from Rom. 10: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The Moderator of last annual meeting, Dr. H. D. Harper, then took the chair, and appointed a Committee on Organization, consisting of brethren J. A. B. Cooper, Wm. Cox and Elder J. L. Winfield. While the committee were preparing their report, the Moderator made some practical remarks as to the duties of delegates.

The Committee reported for Moderator, Dr. H. D. Harper, Assistant, Elder J. T. Davis; Secretary, Elder J. J. Harper, Assistant, Elder J. Latham.

On motion of Elder J. L. Burns, the Conference adjourned until 2:30 p. m. for dinner.

The hour for re-assembling having arrived, the Conference assembled promptly.

The Moderator in the chair proceeded to appoint the following committees, viz: On the Arrangement of Business for the meeting, Elders J. L. Winfield, Isaac Chestnutt and H. C. Bowen.

(The Committee on the Arrangement of Business reported the following Order, viz: 1. Appointment of Committees. 2. Calling the Roll of Churches. 3. Report of Committees. 4. Miscellaneous Business.)

On Preaching, Dr. J. T. Walsh, C. W. Howard and A. J. Loftin. On Report of Churches, S. B. Taylor, I. N. Keel and J. A. B. Cooper. On Finance, R. T. Hodges,

Wm. Frazier and B. H. Huffman. On Lord'sday Schools, J. L. Winfield, J. Latham and Isaac Chestnut. On Evangelizing, J. L. Burns, Isaac Chestnut and Jesse T. Davis.

On motion, the church of Dover, Craven County, was received and placed on the Roll of Churches.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. T. Davis to preach to-night, and Elder J. L. Burns to-morrow night.

On motion of Elder J. Latham, the Conference adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) at 9 a. m.

Bro. E. L. Sowers, by request of the Moderator, closed the meeting by singing and prayer. Elder J. Latham pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10TH.—Conference met according to adjournment, and was opened with divine services conducted by Elder N. B. Hood.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. The calling of the Roll of Churches was then continued.

The Moderator added to the committees appointed yesterday, one on Ministerial qualifications for ordination, consisting of Elders J. L. Winfield, J. J. Harper and bro. N. S. Richardson. Also, a Committee on Ministerial Character, consisting of brethren Wm. H. Rountree, J. B. Martin and J. J. Rawls.

On motion, the new church at *Hebron*, Lenoir County, was ordered to be enrolled on the minutes of this meeting.

On motion, the name of the church at Salisbury was changed to Lebanon.

On motion, the new church at White Oak, Duplin County, was enrolled on the minutes.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the moral standing of our ministers, beg leave to report that, we find them all without reproach.

W. H. ROUNTREE,
J. J. RAWLS,
J. B. MARTIN,
} Com.

Report of Committee on Evangelizing.

Bro. Moderator:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Evangelizing, after due consideration, make the following suggestions:

WHEREAS, Your former efforts have resulted in good, in the conversion of souls, in building up the waste places of Zion, and growth in grace and increase in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, we suggest to this Conference the propriety of taking speedy action to raise means by cash and subscriptions to place an able Evangelist in the field, and to continue his labors until the next Conference. We also suggest that the Moderator appoint a committee of five or more to solicit donations, which shall be paid into the hands of the aforesaid Evangelizing Committee.

1 That this Committee have the right to elect or appoint its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

2 That the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer constitute an Executive Committee for the transaction of all evangelical business, and report their proceedings to each Conference the next ensuing

3 That it be the duty of the Secretary to pay all funds that may, from time to time, come into his hands to the Treasurer and take a receipt for the same.

4. That it be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all funds paid to him until otherwise ordered by common consent of the Executive Committee.

5. That it be the duty of the Executive Committee to employ an efficient Evangelist, as soon as there are sufficient funds raised.

6. That the Evangelist be subject to the Executive Committee in all things appertaining to his evangelical labors, and to report to the aforesaid Committee at the expiration of each term for which he was employed.

J. L. BURNS,
ISAAC CHESTNUT,
J. T. DAVIS,
} Com.

Read twice and adopted.

The Moderator appointed on this committee brethren Dr. F. W. Dixon, Simon B. Taylor, N. S. Richardson, H. Brown and James W. Hodges.

On motion, the funds sent up to this meeting for missionary work and to be placed at the option of this meeting, be placed in the hands of the Evangelizing Committee.

Bro. J. L. Burns, having changed his field of labor from this State to South Carolina, by his request, his name was removed from the Roll of Preachers.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder George Joyner to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Lord'sday Schools.

We, your Committee on Lord'sday Schools beg leave to report: That while we are satisfied that our people are getting much more alive to the importance of Lord's-day Schools, yet the failure to report through the minutes, makes us able to report only the following, viz:

Mill Creek,	Johnston Co.	Pupils	145	Teachers 10
Wilson's Mill,	" "	"	45	" 5
Kinston,	Lenoir "	"	40	" 8
Bethel,	" "	"	25	" 5
Hookerton,	Greene "	"	40	" 4
Robinsonville,	Martin "	"	20	" 5
Lebanon,	" "	"	21	" 5
Poplar Chapel,	" "	"	26	" 6
C. Prospect,	Onslow "	"	40	" 4
Union Chapel,	" "	"	40	" 6
Oak Grove,	Pitt "	"	23	" 6
Antioch,	" "	"	12	" 1
Berea,	" "	"	40	" 2
Salem,	" "	"	20	" 5
Mt. Pleasant,	" "	"	20	" 4
Bethlehem,	Pamlico "	"	62	" 6
Bethany,	" "	"	72	" 6
Union Chapel,	Beaufort "	"	40	" 6
River Side,	Craven "	"	20	" 4
Kitt Swamp,	" "	"	60	" 11
Free Chapel,	Washington "	"	40	" 7
Total Number,			822	107

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. Winfield
J. Latham
Isaac Chestnutt, } Com.

Report read and adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until Saturday 9 a. m. Benediction by bro. H. C. Bowen.

Saturday Morning, 9. a. m.—Conference met according to adjournment, and was opened with divine services conducted by Elder George Joyner.

The Moderator appointed on the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, Elder J. T. Davis, in place of the Secretary of this meeting.

The name of Elder Joseph H. Foy was removed from the Roll of Preachers, by his request, he having changed his field of labor from this State to the State of Missouri.

The name of Henry O. Cutler was erased from the List of Preachers in consequence of his death.

On motion, Robert Winfield was appointed to prepare an obituary of Elder Cutler and publish the same in the *Watch-Tower*.

The question of holding the next annual meeting was taken up, and on counting the votes it was found that a majority were cast in favor of *Bethel Church*, Lenoir County. Brother George Joyner was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and bro. Henry Winfield his alternate.

The hour of preaching having arrived, it was announced that bro. Joyner, by courtesy of the Methodists, would preach in their church.

The Committee on Preaching reported Dr. H. D. Harper to preach in the Baptist Church to-morrow (Lord's-day) at 11 o'clock a. m., and in the Methodist Church to-morrow night; Elder J. L. Winfield in the Methodist Church at 11 a. m., and in the Disciples' Church at night; Elder J. J. Harper in the Disciples at 11 o'clock a. m., and in the Baptist Church at night; Elder Henry Winfield was appointed to preach to-night.

A biographical sketch of Elder Thomas H. Bowen was read, and, on motion, was ordered to be published in the proceedings of this meeting.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Amount received for minute fund, and to be placed at the option of the Conference,	$ 69 50
Amount directed to be added to Missionary Fund,	11 00

Respectfully Submitted,

B. H. Huffman,
Wm. Frazier. } Com.
R. T. Hodges,

On motion, it was agreed to have one thousand copies of the proceedings of the Conference printed, and that the work of transcribing, printing and distributing be entrusted to bro. N. S. Richardson, of New-Berne, and that he be paid $69.50 for his services.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of C. W. Howard, N. S. Richardson and Dr. J. T. Walsh to draw up a form of church letters for the use of congregations represented in this Conference.

Report of Church Statistics.

The Committee on Church Statistics submitted the following report:

New Congregations added at this Conference,	3
Aggregate membership of above,	47
Members dismissed in State,	67
Excluded,	40
Died,	33
Received,	99
Baptized,	157
Total membership in the State,	5,970

S. B. Taylor,
J. A. B. Cooper, } Com.
I. N. Keel,

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Much valuable time is consumed at our Conferences to the wearying of the delegates and visitors in reading the letters from the different churches; therefore,

Resolved, That at the very beginning of our next Conference a Committee of Finance and Church Statistics be appointed to whom the letters shall be referred, instead of being read as heretofore.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock for dinner.

Report of Evangelizing Committee, No. 2.

Your Committee to whom was referred the selection of an Executive Committee to employ an evangelist for the ensusing year, do hereby appoint the following brethren: For President, Dr. F. W. Dixon, Snow Hill, N. C.; Treasurer, N. D. Myers, Kinston, N. C.; Secretary, C. W. Howard, Kinston, N. C. We also recommend that a collection be taken up on to-morrow for evangelizing. We further recommend that all our preachers take up a collection from each of their congregations during the ensuing Conference year for the above object.

F. W. Dixon,
S. B. Taylor,
H. C. Bowen,
J. W. Hodges,
N. S. Richardson, } Com.

On motion, it was resolved that the churches on the north side of Tar River be allowed to delegate to their Conference, in the same ratio that they are represented in their Union Meeting, next preceding each annual session of this meeting.

Report of Executive Committee.

After consultation we agree to engage the services of bro. J. L. Winfield and allow him twenty-five dollars per month. His work will begin immediately and continue by the quarter so long as sufficient funds are in the hands of the Treasurer. It shall be his duty to present the claims of this Evangelical work wherever he goes and to take up collections in all established congregations he may preach to, and report the same to the Secretary of this Executive Committee at the end of each quarter.

F. W. Dixon, Pres.
N. D. Myers, Treas.

C. W. Howard, Sec.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the officers for the faithful, and efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties; and to the citizens of Kinston and surrounding community for their kind hospitality during our sojourn among them; also to the members and pastors of the Methodist and Baptist churches for the kind offer of the use of their respective houses of worship.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until Lord'sday morning 9 o'clock.

Divine services, in conclusion, conducted by bro. J. Latham.

LORD'SDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1879.—Conference re-assembled according to appointment. Opened with divine services. Then proceeded to ordain bro. A. O. Warren to the work of the ministry in accordance with the following report of committee:

Bro. Moderator:

The Committee on Examination and Ordination submit the following report: Bro. Aug. O. Warren, of Edwardsville, Beaufort Co., N. C., appeared before us, and after a thorough examination touching his knowledge of the gospel, we recommend that his name be enrolled on the minutes as a preacher of the gospel.

J. L. WINFIELD,
N. S. RICHARDSON, } Com.
J. T. DAVIS,

The remainder of the day was devoted to divine worship.

The Baptists and Methodists having kindly tendered the use of their respective churches, their pulpits were occupied according to appointment of the Committee on Preaching,

to which the reader is referred. After preaching at the Disciples' Church in the morning, a large number of the brethren and sisters assembled to partake of the supper of the Lord. The venerable brother, Dr. Walsh, presided at the table. It was truly a refreshing season.

During the entire session of the Conference the Spirit of the Great Head of the Church seemed to prevail, and mutual good will and Christian regard abounded with all. May the good work of the Lord in our midst go on, while He adds daily to the church such as will be saved.

H. D. HARPER, *Moderator.*
J. T. DAVIS, *Assistant.*

J. J. HARPER, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Received.	Baptised.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
Union Chapel,	Beaufort,	Not Represented			2		11	139	
Union Chapel, Jr.,	"	" "	1		3			38	$1 00
Trinity,	"	By Letter					4	35	50
Head of Pungo,	"	" "						39	1 00
Tranters Creek,	"	Not Represented							
White Hill,	"	A. O. Warren						47	60
Beaver Dam,	"	Not Represented						182	
Blount's Creek,	"	" "							
Pantego,	"	S. F. Flynn	3			2	7	161	2 50
Post Oak Chapel,	"	Not Represented							
Old Ford,	"	E. T. Woodard, H. C. Cherry, R. T. Hodges	1	17	4	6	16	222	1 00
Juniper Chapel,	"	Not Represented							
Pungo Chapel,	"	By Letter,						41	1 00
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Not Represented						30	
Bee Tree,	"	" "						30	
Asheville,	"	" "						15	
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	B. H. Gaskins	4					80	1 00
Alpha,	"	Not Represented							
River Side,	"	" "						62	2 00
New-Berne,	"	N. S Richardson						7	50
Vanceboro,	"	Not Represented							
Grange Hall	"	" "							
Dover,	"	Geo. T. Grace, Jno D. Carmach						14	1 00
Mocksville,	Davie,	Not Represented						35	
Pfafftown,	Forsyth,	" "						150	

Wear Creek,	Carteret.	A. T. Dickson,						15		50
Draughan's Chapel,	Edgecombe,	Wm. F. Draughan. W. D. Pittman					6	31	1	50
Battleboro,	"	Not Represented,								
Hookerton,	Greene,	F. W Dickson Wm Howard, Elias Albritton.	1	1	1	1	2	134	2	00
Eden,	"	Wm. Frazier, A. Taylor	3		2			68	1	50
Clark's School House,	Hyde,	Not Represented								
Neill's Chapel,	"	" "								
Swan Quarter,	"	H. D. Carson						10		75
Middleton,	"	Not Represented						108		
Springfield,	"	" "						63		
Deep Spring,	Jones,	By Letter	7					34	1	00
Shady Grove,	"	Reported by Bro. Heath	1		1	1		42	1	15
Tuckahoe,	"	B. H. Huffman, J. A. Huffman		2				84	1	15
Pleasant Hill.	"	Reported by Bro. J. A Fordham						132	2	00
White Oak,	"	By Letter		4	4			38		
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	" "		3	3	2		193	2	50
Wilson's Mills,	"	J. W. Vinson,		1	3	2		33	2	00
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Edward Sutton, J. R. Hodges	7			1	5	129	4	00
Kinston,	"	S. H Rountree, A. J Loftin, N. D Myers.			1	9	1	87	3	00
Bethel,	"	J. T. Davis, W H Rountree, C. T. Barwick	4		2	2	5	89	5	00
South West,	"	Not Represented						10		
Briery Swamp,	"	J. A Lewis, J. W Pool						33	1	50
Hebron,	"	L. Mewborne R. F. Bright, Thos. J. Dickson						15		
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	Not Represented						85		
Macedonia,	"	" "						49		
Robinsonville,	"	S D. Barnhill W. W. Anderson						38	1	00
Poplar Chapel,	"	By Letter			1	12	10	71	1	00
Zion's Grove,	"	" "		3			2	24		50
Manning's S. H.,	"	Not Represented								
Lebanon,	"	H. Brown. J. B. Cooper		1			5	21	1	05
Red Oak Mission,	Nash,	Not Represented						7		
Christian Prospect.	Onslow,	By Letter	1	6		1		59	1	10
Union Chapel,	"	S B. Taylor, H. D. Morrell, W. B Cox						55	2	00
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. R. Williams,	1		1	1		81		
Berea,	"	By Letter						19		50
Salem,	"	F. M. Kilpatrick, Dr. H. D. Harper	8			5	1	99	2	50

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Received.	Baptised.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
Corinth,	Pitt,	A J. Moye,						49	3 00
Trinity Chapel,	"	J. Moore, Edward Stokes.		3		4	1	59	85
Rountree's,	"	J. R. Forbes, J. S. Hines, B. F. McLawhorn,	1		1			44	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	J. J. Rawls, A. B Congleton. I. N. Keel,		2		1	3	93	1 00
Mt. Pleasant,	"	F. Ward, L. Mayo, W. Stancill,	5	1	1		4	78	1 00
Madison,	Rockingham,	Not Represented,						67	
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,				8	22	143	1 50
Sixrun's Chapel,	"	O. K. Lewis, Thos. Boyett,		9		2		106	1 50
Albemarle,	Tyrrel,	Not Represented,						74	
Gum Neck,	"	" "						56	
Sound Side,	"	" "						20	
Sharon,	"	" "						66	
Long Acre Chapel,	Washington,	" "						59	
Saint's Delight,	"	" "						71	
Chapel Hill,	"	" "						42	
Free Chapel,	"	By Letter,		7	1			117	
Phillippi,	"	" "						141	
Christian Hope,	"	" "	6			2	9	127	1 00
Zion's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						64	
Holly Neck.	"	" "						60	
Goldsboro Mission,	Wayne,	" "						6	
Eureka,	"	J. E. Britt,	8			1		166	1 50
Wilson,	Wilson,	Not Represented,							
Broad Creek,	Pamlico,	By Letter,			2			46	1 00
Bethany,	"	S. S. Broughton, J. B. Martin, A. C. Brinson,	2		1	20	20	126	2 00

Bay Creek,	Pamlico,	Not Represented,							59		
Concord,	"	By Letter,	2	2					45	85	
Goose Creek,	"	" "							60	75	
Bethlehem.	"	" "	1		1	14	12		66	2	00
Stony Creek,	Surry,	Not Represented.							26		
Sulphur Springs,	"	" "							30		
Union Hill.	Stokes,	" "							24		
Jefferson Mission,	"	" "									
Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin,	" "							60		
White Oak,	Duplin,	J. L. Tew, Wm. Vernon,							18	1	25
			68	42	35	57	147		5970	$69	50

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address, in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt county,	N. C.
STANLY AYERS,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville, Martin,	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC CHESTNUTT,	Maple Cypress, Craven	"	"
S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess' Mills, Hyde	"	"
W. M. DAVIS.	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Greene,	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, "	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
S. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New-Berne, Craven	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield. Johnston	"	"
N B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store, Wayne	"	"
DR. H. D. HARPER,	Centreville, Pitt	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton Green	"	"
JOHN IDOL, (1878),	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton. Greene	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro. Pitt	"	"
GEO W. JACKSON, (1878,)	Long Ridge Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Pantego Beaufort	"	"
P. T. LEHMAN, (1878,)	Mt Airy, Surry	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong. Washington	"	"
SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
RICHARD POINDEXTER, (1878)	Mt Nebo, Yadkin	"	"
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenior	"	"
JOS. W. STEVENSON, (1878,)	Wilson's Store, Stokes	"	"
R. T. SANDERS, (1878.)	P O. not known.		
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
L. J. TERRY,	P. O. not known.		
JNO. R WINFIELD,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville, Martin	"	"
J L. WINFIELD,	New-Berne, Craven	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston Lenoir	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington	"	"
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Washington. Beaufort	"	"
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN, (1879),	Edwardsville, "	"	"
R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington, Ky.		

IN MEMORIAM.

Biographical Sketch of Eld. Thomas H. Bowen.

BY ISAAC P. HOLTON.

This worthy Minister of the Gospel was born January the 3rd, 1813, in North Carolina, Craven County, in that part now known as Pamlico County. He made the good confession under the teaching of Elder Henry Smith, and was baptised at about the age of thirty years, and became a member of the Church of Christ worshiping at Bethany, where he held his membership as long as he lived.

Soon after he became a member of the Church, he gave evidence of talents sufficient for a nobler work, and at the request of the Church, he was set apart to the work of the ministry, by Elders Henry Smith and John B. Gaylord, at about the age of thirty-three, and commenced preaching with considerable success, his labors being mostly confined to Craven and Carteret counties.

After preaching for several years he was left alone, by the death of his mother, who had been left to his care many years before by the death of his father, which duty he had faithfully performed. Now being left entirely alone, Bro. Bowen saw it best to marry, and was married December the 14th, 1854, to Miss Mary Lewis, daughter of Bro. Isaac Lewis, of Carteret County, a lady of fine reputation, and who is yet held sacred in the memory of her acquaintances.

From this time Bro. Bowen's usefulness as a minister increased until the death of his wife, which occurred March the 2nd, 1861. Bro. Bowen by this time held the pastoral care of as many as seven churches, but by the death of his wife, and the distress of the late war, and having left to his care two small children, he had to

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confine himself more closely at home, preaching only for those churches that were near home, until about six years before his death, when he became so afflicted he had to decline preaching entirely. Bro. Bowen's afflictions were very great; he was first afflicted with ulcers on his legs, for which he applied for medical aid; but when he would seem to cure the ulcers the symptoms of dropsy would appear. In this way he lingered until about one year before his death, when he became entirely confined to his bed, holding no interview with his brethren only as they would visit him, which was done by many.

The writer of this sketch also visited him, and heard him give expression to his hopes, which were done in a very touching manner, using the language of Saint Paul:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day."

The above, with many other hopeful expressions, filled up the time I spent with him; and now parting with him for the last time he requested me to attend his funeral when he should die; which was done as requested, using the above quoted Scripture as a text, it being his own selection. Then we laid his body beside his wife and two children of his, that died in infancy, to wait the summons from on high.

The two children that were left to his care at the death of his wife still survive him, a son and a daughter, who, we are happy to say at this point, have also made the good confession at a late revival of religion in the Church at Bethany, following the good example of their sainted father.

The above is but a very brief and imperfect sketch of the life of this worthy minister of the gospel. Many other things might be said of him to his honor, that space will not allow, but they are all written upon the memory of mortals, and will not be forgotten.

"Fallen—as sets the sun at eve,
To rise in splendor where
His kindred luminaries shine,
Their heaven of bliss to share;
Beyond the stormy battle-field
He reigns in triumph now,
Sweeping a harp of wondrous song,
With glory on his brow."

CORRECTIONS.—On page 6, 18th line from top, for "chruch" it should read church. On page 12 of Statistical Table 4th line from top, for "Trinity" Chapel it should read Timothy Chapel.

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PROCEEDINGS

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ assembled at Bethel, Lenoir County, N. C., October 7th, 8th and 9th. Elder George Joyner, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Elder Henry Winfield, of Robinsonville, delivered the opening discourse from Heb. 11:10. His theme was Abraham's faith, and the sermon abounded in wise suggestions.

FIRST DAY.

Dr. H. D. Harper, the Moderator of the Conference, took the chair and called the house to order. The chair appointed the following committee on permanent organization: Brethren S. H. Rountree, James W. Hodges and W. B. Cox.

The committee reported Dr. J. T. Walsh for Moderator, Assistant, Elder H. Winfield, Secretary, Elder H. C. Bowen, Assistant, Elder Josephus Latham. The report was adopted.

The Moderator on taking his seat, made some practical remarks on the object of the meeting, and the duty of delegates composing the body. The following committees were appointed: On preaching: W. H. Rountree Elder I. L. Chestnutt and C. T. Barwick; on Church Statistics and Finance: W. G. Lang, J. L. Winfield, S. H. Rountree and H. Brown. On Lord's day Schools: W. W. Andrews, F. M. Kilpatrick and H. H. Bowen. On Evangelizing: I. L. Chestnutt, Dr. H. D. Harper and Hezekiah Brown. On Ministerial Ordination: J. Lathan, H. Winfield and Dr. H. D. Harper. On Ministerial Character: W. B. Cox, J. C. C. Jenkins and J. W. Trotman. On Publications: N. S. Richardson, Dr. H. D. Harper and C. W. Howard.

The Moderator announced a recess of 30 minutes for refreshments.

Conference re-assembled and proceeded to business.

On motion of Elder J. Latham, the new church at Wynn Fork was received and entered upon the minutes, and Bro. J. W. Trotman was received as a delegate and invited to participate in all the deliberations.

The Committee on Preaching reported Bro. A. C. Hart to preach to-night, and Bro. G. Allen in the Baptist Church to-morrow morning.

On motion, Conference adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock. Prayer and praise by Elder H. D. Cason.

SECOND DAY.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour. Prayer by Elder E. E. Orvis. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. J. Latham, Elder E. E. Orvis, of Pennsylvania, was invited to take a seat and participate in the deliberations.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, the Conference departed from the usual order of business for the purpose of making a special motion. The purport of the resolution was that Conference depart from the order of business to have all the church letters read before the Conference and *then* referred to the Committee on Church Statistics.

On motion, the blanks in the hands of Bro. J. L. Winfield to collect the census for 1880 be turned over to the Committee on Statistics and they be requested to make the work perfect as possible.

The letters of yesterday were read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The Moderator called the roll of churches and such as responded were read openly.

On motion, the letter of Shady Grove Church, asking that the name of Bro. Curtis Heath be enrolled on the list of preachers, be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Character.

All new churches were called and the following responded and asked to be enrolled on the minutes: Wynn Fork, Hartsfield S. H., Powell's Point and Sand Hill. See Statistical Table.

Bro. Gideon Allen preached at this hour in the Baptist Church, on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Bro. A. C. Hart preached on Faith, Hope and Charity.

During the hour for preaching, Bro. J. W. Trotman addressed the Convention in a most acceptable speech, defending the plea for the ancient gospel, and urging the Convention to send an Evangelist on the north side of Albemarle Sound. Others took part, and a deep interest was manifested in the work in all the northeastern counties.

The place of holding the next Conference was then taken up, and petitions were presented from Timothy Chapel, Pitt; Rountree's, and Robinsonville, Martin. The friends of each place advocated their preference, and Robinsonville receiving the largest number of votes was declared the place.

On motion, the vote was made unanimous for Robinsonville.

On motion, Dr. J. T. Walsh was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Elder J. Latham his alternate.

On motion, one or more blanks of church letters be mailed to each church with the minutes.

The Committee on Preaching reported Bro. E. E. Orvis

to preach to-night, and Dr. H. D. Harper to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Publications, through their Chairman, Bro. N. S. Richardson, submitted their report, and urged that the *Watch-Tower* be patronized by the brotherhood, and it be changed to a *semi-monthly*. Dr. Harper took the floor and made a strong speech, showing the importance of a paper to defend the cause and edify the church. The report was unanimously adopted. See No. 1.

At this point the Moderator announced an intermission of one hour for refreshments.

Conference re-assembled after dinner and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Ministerial Character submitted their report which was received but not adopted.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, the Moderator appoint a committee of three to examine into the merits of the case of Bro. Heath, upon which the committee reported, and report at next session of the Conference. The Moderator appointed brethren J. Latham, C. W. Howard and Dr. H. D. Harper. On motion, the Moderator's name was added.

Bro. H. C. Bowen offered a resolution in reference to preachers making a report of their labors and what they received at next and each succeeding Conference. The resolution was adopted. See No. 2.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, the thanks of the Conference were tendered Bro. N. S. Richardson for the liberal donation of church letters. All the churches are requested to use the letters in their reports to Conference.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools submitted their report, which, on motion, was received and adopted. See No. 3.

On motion Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. N. S. Richardson.

THIRD DAY.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour and was opened by singing and prayer by Bro. J. L. Winfield. Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. J. L. Winfield offered a resolution on thanksgiving and a January collection for missions. The resolution was discussed by several brethren and then referred to brethren H. D. Harper, H. Brown and N. S. Richardson, a committee, for further consideration.

The Committee on Ministerial Character submitted their report, which was received and adopted. See No. 4.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, Bro. J. L. Winfield was appointed to transcribe, print and mail 1,500 copies of minutes; and the minute fund be turned over to him for that purpose.

Elder Josephus Latham advocated the claims of the Perquimans Mission, and the Moderator requested him to wait on the congregation and solicit donations for that field.

On motion, Bro. N. D. Myers, of Kinston, was elected Treasurer of the Conference.

Dr. H. D. Harper offered a series of resolutions concerning preachers laboring without being clothed with proper authority. The resolutions were freely discussed and adopted. See No. 5.

On motion, brethren H. D. Harper, C. W. Howard and W. G. Fordham were elected to work with the Evangelizing Board.

Dr. H. D. Harper preached in the Baptist Church at noon an "True and False Works."

Bro. C. W. Howard, Corresponding Secretary, submitted his report. which was received and adopted. See No. 6.

Bro. J. Latham introduced a resolution on evangelizing, which was unanimously adopted. See No. 7.

Committee on Statistics and Finance submitted their report, which was received and adopted. See No. 8.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Baptists for the use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered the officers of the Convention for the faithful discharge of their duties, and also to the citizens of this community for their kindness and hospitality.

The Committee on Preaching reported Bro. J. Latham to preach to-night, and Bro. E. E. Orvis to-morrow, in the Baptist Church, and Dr. J. T. Walsh in the Disciples' Chapel.

The Moderator announced an intermission of 30 minutes for dinner.

The Conference re-assembled and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Evangelizing, and the Special Committee on the January collection, made a joint report, which was received and adopted. See No. 9.

On motion of Bro. N. S. Richardson, the Conference adjourned to meet with the Church of Christ at Robinsonville, Martin county, N. C., on Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1881.

Very appropriate remarks were made by the Moderator, and Elder E. L. Sowers closed with singing and prayer. That old familiar hymn commencing with—

"My Christian friends in bonds of love,"

was sung, and the many brethren departed never all to meet again on earth.

J. T. WALSH, *Moderator.*
H. WINFIELD, *Assistant.*

H. C. BOWEN, *Secretary.*
J. LATHAM, *Assistant.*

REMARKS.

Thus has come and gone one of our most pleasant and social Conferences. The proceedings were marked throughout with brotherly love and christian greetings; and we have occasion to thank a wise and merciful Providence that we have been abundantly blessed the past year with a rich harvest, and to see many of our brethren alive to the missionary cause, and resolve to continue Bro. Bowen in the northeastern counties for the ensuing Conference year. It is highly important, that we should remember our January collection, and make such a liberal contribution that it will swell the heart of our Evangelist. There are cries from all parts of the State for more laborers, and we thank God that we have enough to supply every demand, if our hearts would only open and divide sacrifices with them.

I have departed somewhat from the usual manner of getting up the minutes, by placing the reports and resolutions in their proper order, so they will be convenient for reference. J. L. WINFIELD.

Reports and Resolutions.

(No. 1.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of publication, would recommend and endorse the *Watch-Tower* as the organ of the Church of Christ in North Carolina; and would further recommend that as Bro. Winfield has agreed to publish the paper semi-monthly at $1 per annum, provided he can secure as many as 800 cash subscribers, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the ministers and delegates be requested to press its claims in their respective localities and fields of labor, and secure the necessary number of subscribers to the end proposed.

Resolved, 2. That we consider a church organ an effectual aid in propagating the Gospel of Christ, and to accomplish this greatly desired end, each and every member of the church should feel under obligations to bear his or her part of the necessary expenses by individually subscribing to the *Watch-Tower*.

N. S. RICHARDSON,
C. W. HOWARD,
H. D. HARPER,
} Committee.

(No. 2.)

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PREACHERS, REPORTING THEIR WORK TO CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The minutes of the Annual Conference do not show what the preachers among the Disciples of Christ are doing, therefore be it

Resolved, That every preacher is required to make a brief written report to the Conference of his work and remuneration, to be printed in the minutes.

H. C. BOWEN.

(No. 3.)

LORD'S DAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Lord's day schools, beg leave to make the following report: That while we are satisfied that there has been much interest taken and much good accomplished in the work, there can be much more. And we hope that our brethren will become more alive to the great interest of this work and carry it on to suc-

cess. From letters and other information, we are able to report the sollowing:

Mill Creek,	Johnston Co.	Pupils	140	Teachers	3
Mt. Pleasant,	Pitt	"	12	"	4
Bethlehem,	Pamlico	"	30	"	5
Kinston,	Lenoir	"	40	"	6
Kitt Swamp,	Craven	"	30	"	8
Bethany,	Pamlico	"	53	"	6
Poplar Chapel,	Martin	"	25	"	3
Timothy,	Pitt	"	22	"	3
Long Acre,	Wash'gton	"	25	"	5
Goose Creek,	Pamlico	"	101	"	6
Robinsonville,	Martin	"	25	"	5
Bethel.	Lenoir	"	25	"	5
River Side,	Craven	"	39	"	8
Salem,	Pitt	"	40	"	3
Alpha,	Craven	"	20	"	4
Total Number,			527		75

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. ANDREWS,
H. H. BOWEN,
F. M. KILPATRICK,
} Committee.

(No. 4.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER OF MINISTERS.

Bro. Moderator:

Your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of investigating the character of ministers in this Conference, report that so far as they have been enabled to learn, their character is above reproach. Respectfully submited.

J W. TROTMAN,
W. B. COX,
J. C. JENKINS,
} Committee.

(No. 5.)

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PREACHERS LABORING WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

BY DR. H. D. HARPER.

WHEREAS, There is some irregularity among us, both as to preachers and churches; and WHEREAS, This Conference is, in fact, the churches assembled; and WHEREAS, This Conference has never assumed or used the authority, which from the very nature of the case, it should possess and use; Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That all preachers shall be clothed with the proper authority, before they shall be recognized among the churches as preachers, or assume the care of any church.

Resolved, 2nd. That when this body decides that any man should not preach its decision shall be respected, and that he shall cease to preach until the cause is removed, and he reinstated

Resolved, 3rd. That any such preacher who shall refuse to be governed by the decisions of this Conference, and shall continue to preach against its wishes, shall be published at least in our state organ.

Resolved, 4th. That any church employing such a man, shall be amenable to this Conference.

Resolved, 5th. That the officers of this Conference with three others persons to be appointed, shall constitute an evangelizing board, attending to all business needful when this body is not convened.

C. W. Howard,
Dr. H. D. Harper } Committee appointed by Conference.
Wm. G. Fordham.

(No. 6.)

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the past Conference year we have received, for evangelizing, in cash, $112; in pledges, $31.00. Paid to Bro. J. L. Winfield for four month services, $97.00; to Bro. Orvis for services, $15.00, leaving in hand $31.00 in pledges.

C. W. Howard, Corresponding Sec'y.

(No. 7.)

RESOLUTION TO SUSTAIN AN EVANGELIST IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint Bro. H. C. Bowen as Evangelist for the section on the north side of Roanoke river and Albemarle Sound, during the ensuing year, and earnestly appeal to our brethren to help sustain him in said field. The sum required outside of the amount he may receive in said district, is only two hundred dollars. And that all the money now in the Treasury of the Conference be paid over to Bro. Bowen immediately, that he may enter at once upon his work.

J. Latham.

(No. 8.)

ON CHURCH STATISTICS AND FINANCE.

Brother Moderator:

Your committee on Church Statistics submit the following report: We find enrolled on our minutes one hundred churches; of these fifty-two are represented by delegates and letter; those represented report (3529) thirty-five hundred and twenty-nine members; and there have been received, by letter and baptism, four hundred and sixty-seven (467) died, forty-three, (43); excluded, thirty-one (31); dismissed, eighty-two (82). Minute fund, $69.18; mission fund, $17.00.

The churches in the counties of Buncombe, Davie, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Yadkin, as per last report have a membership of (272) two hundred and seventy-two; all of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. Rountree,
G. W. Lang. } Committee,
Hezekiah Brown,

(No. 9.)

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Whereas, There are urgent calls for the pure gospel to be preached in nearly all parts of the State; therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of this Conference, together with three other persons, to be nominated and elected by the Conference, be a standing committee of evangelizing, to continue as a working board until their successors shall be appointed at the next Conference.

Resolved, That one Lord's day in January, 1881, be set apart as a day of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the past year, and for a special sermon on the duty of supporting the gospel, and that each church be requested to take up a collection on that day for that purpose. and the funds so raised be immediately sent to the Treasurer of this Conference.

Resolved. That the churches embraced in the several Union Meetings be requested to appoint some other day for the purpose of raising funds in a similar manner for their district work.

Resolved, That the Evangelizing Board hereby constituted be directed to co-operate with the officers of the Union Meetings as far as possible, and especially to co-operate in sustaining the Mission in Perquimans county.

H. D. Harper.
H. Brown,
N. S. Richardson,
} Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Baptised.	Received	No. of Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.
Union Chapel,	Beaufort,	Not Represented,						139		
Union Chapel, Jr.,	"	" "						38		
Trinity,	"	J. L. Winfield, H. H. Hill,						35	$1 00	
Head of Pungo,	"	Not Represented,						39		
Tranters Creek,	"	" "						30		
White Hill,	"	" "						47		
Beaver Dam,	"	" "						19		
Blount's Creek,	"	" "						10		
Pantego,	"	" "						163		
Post Oak Chapel,	"	" "						20		
Old Ford,	"	E. T. Woodard, W. S. Cherry, R T. Hodges,		7	5	3		230	2 00	
Juniper Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						25		
Pungo Chapel,	"	" "						41		
Hartsfield, S. H.,	"	By Letter,				22	16	38	1 00	
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Not Represented,						30		
Bee Tree,	"	" "						30		
Asheville,	"	" "						15		
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	B. H. Gaskins, J. A Thomas,	4		1	8	4	75	1 00	
Alpha,	"	E. Philips. W. A. Ewell, W. R Skinner,						20		
River Side,	"	J. L. Murphy, C. Kirkman. J. L. Gaskins,						57	1 00	
New Berne,	"	J. L. Winfield, N. S. Richardson,			1			8	1 00	$2 25
Vanceboro,	"	Not Represented,						18		
Stoney Branch,	"	C. J. Rhem, R. J. Brock,				3	3	23	1 50	
Dover,	"	S. S. Grace, J. Marshman,	1			13	7	35	1 50	
Mocksville,	Davie,	Not Represented,						35		

Plofftown,	Forsyth,	Not Represented,					150					
Wear Creek,	Carteret,	H. C Bowen,					16	$ 1	00			
Draughan's Chapel,	Edgecombe,	Not Represented,					39	1	00			
Battleboro,	"	" "					14					
Hookerton,	Greene,	J. H. Coward,	9		3	9	6	138	2	50		
Eden,	Hyde,	J. B. Weber, George Taylor,	1			2	5	17	1	50		
Clark's S. H.,	"	Not Represented,						20				
Neill's Chapel,	"	" "						19				
Swan Quarter,	"	" "						12				
Middleton,	"	" "						108				
Springfield,	"	" "						63				
Deep Spring,	Jones,	Z. T. Koonce,	2		3	2	1	30	1	00		
Shady Grove,	"	Curtis Heath,	3			4		39	1	00		
Tuckahoe,	"	Not Represented,						84				
Pleasant Hill,	"	W. G. Fordham, I. Gooding, G. P. Cox,			1			131	2	00	$10	00
White Oak,	"	Not Represented,						38				
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	By Letter,	2		6	22	3	216	3	00		
Wilson's Mills,	"	" "	6	2	1	18		39	2	00		
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	J. W. Brothers,			1	7		135	3	85		
Kinston,	"	A. J. Loftin, S. H. Rountree,	2		2	7	12	106	3	00		
Bethel,	"	S. W. Sumrell, C. P. Gaskin, W. F. McCoy,	5					84	1	00	4	75
South West,	"	J. C. Kennedy, L. T. Russell,				7	2	19	1	50		
Briery Swamp,	"	J. W. Pool, J. T Ward,	3		2	6	16	46	1	50		
Hebron,	"	Not Represented,						15				
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	" "						85				
Macedonia,	"	" "						52				
Robinsonville,	"	W. W. Andrews, J. L. Peel, J. R. Whitfield,				15		52	1	00		
Poplar Chapel,	"	By Letter,			5		14	78	1	00		
Zion's Grove,	"	S. Reason, J. B. Manning,	3			4	1	26		50		
Manning's S. H.,	"	Not Represented,						34				
Lebanon,	"	H. Brown, J. A. B. Cooper, Lewis Etheridge,			1	6	1	29		50		
Red Oak Mission,	Nash,	Not Represented,						7				
Christian Prospect,	Onslow,	By Letter,	4			11	8	66	1	00		
Union Chapel,	"	W. B. Cox. S. B. Taylor, E. Murril,				14	11	77	2	00		
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. R. Williams, J. R. Dixon, W. Parker,	4					86	2	00		
Berear,	"	P. A Allen, J A. Brily,	1	1	1	2	1	20	1	00		

STATISTICAL TABLE.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Baptised.	Received.	No. of Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.
Salem,	Pitt,	F. M. Kilpatrick,	2			16		115	$ 1 00	
Corinth,	"	Gideon Allen, W. G. Lang, R. A L. Carr,	3		1	2		48	3 00	
Timothy Chapel,	"	J. J. Moore, I. Moore,				14		77	1 00	
Rountree's,	"	John C. C. Jenkins,	2			16	1	59	1 50	
Oak Grove,	"	J. R Roberson, J. Turnage, B. Congleton,	1	5				87	2 50	
Mt. Pleaasnt,	"	W. Stancil, F. Ward,		1		3		79	1 50	
Madison,	Rockingham	Not Represented,						67		
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	James M. Britt, G. W. Thornton,			1			143	2 00	
Sixrun's Chapel,	"	C T. Boyett,	1	6	1			98	1 50	
Albemarle,	Tyrrel,	Not Represented,				14		88		
Gum Neck,	"	" "				4		60		
Sound Side,	"	" "						23		
Sharon,	"	" "						70		
Long Acre Chapel,	Washington,	H. H, Bowen, C. B, Latham,						50	75	
Saint's Delight,	"	Not Represented,				15		84		
Chapel Hill,	"	" "						42		
Free Chapel,	"	" "						12		
Phillippi,	"	By Letter,	4					135	1 00	
Christian Hope,	"	Not Represented.						130		
Zion's Chapel,	"	" "						64		
Holly Neck,	"	" "						60		
Goldsboro Mission,	Wayne	" "						6		
Eureka,	"	N. B Hood,	10	2	2	6		157	1 10	
Wilson,	Wilson,	George Hackney, W. A. Barbara, J. W. Hines,			1		1	23	1 00	
Broad Creek,	Pamlico,	By Letter,	3		1	1		44	70	

Bethany,	Pamlico,	J. Sutton, J. R. Bowden, A. D. Rawls,		1		2	2	126	$ 1 63	
Bay Creek,	"	Not Represented,						59		
Concord,	"	" "				13	2	58		
Goose Creek,	"	By Letter,						60	75	
Bethlehem,	"	" "		1				75	1 85	
Stony Creek,	Surry,	Not Represented,						26		
Sulphur Springs,	"	" "						30		
Union Hill,	Stokes,	" "						24		
Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin,	" "						60		
White Oak,	Duplin,	John L. Tew, C. W. Hawley,	1					17	1 00	
Wynn Fork S. H.,	Perquimans,	J. W. Trotman,						50		
Sand Hill,	Duplin,	By Letter,						6	50	
Powell's Point.	Currituck,	" "						55	1 00	
Hartsfield's S. H.,	Beaufort,	" "								
			82	31	43	238	129	6221	$69 18	$17 00

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List of Preachers with their Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt county,	N. C.
STANLY AYERS,	Wynnville, Martin	do	do
H. C. BOWEN,	Hertford, Perquimans	do	do
HENRY D CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	do	do
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville, Martin	do	do
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	do	do
ISAAC CHESTNUTT,	Maple Cypress, Craven	do	do
S. L. DAVIS,	Leechville, Beaufort	do	do
W. M. DAVIS,	Plymouth, Washington	do	do
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Greene	do	do
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth, Washington	do	do
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, "	do	do
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" " "	do	do
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	do	do
J. S. HENDERSON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	do	do
S. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	do	do
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	do	do
J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	do	do
A. J. HOLTON,	New Berne, Craven	do	do
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield, Johnston	do	do
N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store,	do	do
DR. H. D. HARPER	Centreville, Pitt	do	do
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston, Lenior	do	do
A C HART,	Hookerton, Greene	do	do
JOHN IDOL, (1878),	Bethania, Forsyth	do	do
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton, Greene	do	do
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro, Pitt	do	do
GEO. W. JACKSON, (1878),	Long Ridge, Washington	do	do
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	do	do
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Leechville, Beaufort	do	do
P. T. LEHMAN, (1878),	Mt. Airy, Surry	do	do
D H MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	do	do
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong, Washington	do	do
SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania, Forsyth	do	do
RICHARD POINDEXTER, (1878)	Mt. Nebo, Yadkin	do	do
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	do	do
T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville, Martin	do	do
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenoir	do	do
JOS. W. STEVENSON, [1878],	Wilson's Store, Stokes	do	do
R. T. SANDERS, [1878],	P. O. not known	do	do
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	do	do
L. J. TERRY,	P O. not known	do	do
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego, Beaufort	do	do
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville, Martin	do	do
J. L. WINFIELD, *Editor W. T.*,	New Berne, Craven	do	do
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston, Lenoir	do	do
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington	do	do
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge, Beaufort	do	do
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN, [1879],	Edwardsville, "	do	do
R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington, Ky.		

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ assembled at Robinsonville, Martin county, October 6th, 7th and 8th. Dr. J. T. Walsh, of Kinston, preached the opening sermon from Phil. iv: 8, 9. His theme was Church organization, and the respective work of Elders, Deacons and Evangelists, and was discussed with marked ability.

FIRST DAY.

Dr. J. T. Walsh, Moderator of the Convention, took the chair and called the house to order. The following committee on permanent organization was appointed: Brethren R. T. Hodges, N. S. Richardson and J. W. Etheridge. They reported Dr. Walsh for Moderator, Elder Geo. Joyner, Assistant, Prof. C. W. Howard, Secretary, and Bro. H. C. Bowen, Assistant.

The Moderator elect on taking the chair made some practical remarks on the work of the Convention and the duty of each delegate. The following committees were appointed: On Preaching: Brethren H. D. Robinson, W. J. Bowen and P. H. Johnson; on Churches: N. S. Richardson, J. W. Hodges and Theophilus Keel; on Lord's day Schools: J. L. Winfield, I. L. Chestnutt and J. J. Woodley; on Evangelizing: J. C. C. Jenkins, C. W. Swain and J. W. Etheridge; on Ordination: C. W. Howard, J. L. Winfield and J. G. Gurganus; on Ministerial Character: R. T. Hodges, P. H. Johnson and J. C. C. Jenkins.

On motion, the roll of churches was called and several very encouraging letters were read.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder G. Allen, of Marlboro, to preach to-night.

The Convention adjourned to Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. I. L. Chestnutt. Bro. Allen preached at night from first chapter of James, and the sermon was truly a spiritual feast.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Bro. Geo. Joyner.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, Elders J. T. Pettifourd and W. A. James, two of our colored preachers, were invited to take seats in the Convention and participate in all the deliberations.

On motion, Bro. C. L. Davis was received as a delegate from Union Chapel.

On motion, Brethren O. K. Stilley and M. L. Stilley were received as delegates from Blount's Creek.

On motion, the churches at Manteo and Gaylord's School House were received and entered upon the minutes.

On motion, the names of Bros. R. J. Quidley, J. B. Parsons and T. B. Cox were ordered to be enrolled upon the minutes.

The Moderator called for the reports of preachers. Several submitted a condensed report of their year's labor, but was ordered not to be printed.

Dr. J. T. Walsh offered a resolution to divide the Convention into two sessions. The large territory and difficulty of getting a full delegation was the cause of the resolution. It failed to pass.

Bro. N. S. Richardson offered a resolution to change the time of holding the session. The resolution was rejected.

The Committee on Preaching reported Brethren J. L. Winfield and J. G. Gurganus to preach to-day at the stand, and Geo. Joyner at night in the church.

Bro. Joyner preached on the theme "Be ye holy." It was highly suggestive and practical.

THIRD DAY.

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Howard. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from churches, which had not been handed in on previous days, were called for and read.

On motion, Brethren J. G. Gurganus and J. J. Woodly were appointed delegates to the Colored Disciples Conference to be held on Roanoke Island on 4th Lord's day in September, 1882.

The Moderator made some appropriate remarks on the duty devolving on the white brethren to aid the colored Disciples in their annual meeting.

The Committee on Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, We the committee on churches and finance, find contributed to the minute fund $96.20, and to the mission fund $17.25. The irregular and disorderly system under which we labor is the source of much inconvenience in obtaining reports from the churches to the Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the Conference the imperative necessity of arranging all our churches into convenient Evangelical Districts, so our congregations can have more and better care.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Conference appoint a committee of ten or more, whose duty it shall be to make out a list of the churches from the minutes, arranging them into Evangelical districts, and submit the same to this Conference.

N. S. RICHARDSON,
J. W. HODGES,
THEOPHILUS KEEL, } Com.

In compliance with the above the Moderator appointed J. L. Winfield, George Joyner, R. T. Hodges, H. D. Harper, C. W. Swain, P. H. Johnson, H. C. Bowen, Dr. J. F. Latham, Theophilus Keel, J. W. Draughan, J. W. Etheridge and H. Brown, who submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

EVANGELICAL DISTRICTS.

Hyde District—Clark's S. H., Neal's Chapel, Swan Quarter and Middleton, J. R. WINFIELD, Evangelist.

Pantego District—Pungo Chapel, Head of Pungo, Post Oak, Pantego, and Union Chapel, GEORGE JOYNER, Evangelist.

Old Ford District—Beaver Dam, Old Ford, Tranters, Macedonia, Long Acre, A. LATHAM, Evangelist.

Robinsonville District—Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Robinsonville, Christian Chapel and Lebanon, G. ALLEN, Evangelist.

Plymouth District—Bethlehem, Poplar Chapel, Chapel Hill and Saint's Delight, J. G. GURGANUS, Evangelist.

Christian Hope District—Christian Hope, Zion's Grove, Manning S. H., H. S. GURGANUS, Evangelist.

Scuppernong District—Zion's Chapel, Holly Neck, Free Chapel, Philippi, Evangelist not chosen.

Columbia District—Albemarle, Sharon, Sound Side and Gum Neck. J. G. GURGANUS and C. SWAIN, Evangelists.

Pamlico District—Bethany, Bethlehem, Concord, Bay Creek, Hartsfield's S. H., Goose Creek and Broad Creek, J. B. PARSONS, Evangelist.

Kitt Swamp District—Blount's Creek, White Hill, Weir Creek and Kitt Swamp, A. J. HOLTON, Evangelist.

Vanceboro District—Alpha, Vanceboro, Union Chapel, Jr., and Trinity, J. T. DAVIS, Evangelist.

Salem District—River Side, Timothy, Rountree's and Salem, Dr. H. D. HARPER, Evangelist.

Hookerton District—Hookerton, Antioch, Corinth and Berea, J. LATHAM, Evangelist.

Bethel District—Bethel, Wheat Swamp, Hebron and Eden, Dr. JOHN T. WALSH, Evangelist.

Mill Creek District—Wilson's Mills, Mill Creek, Pleasant Union and Eureka, J. J. HARPER, Evangelist.

Deep Spring District—Haskin's Chapel, South West, White Oak and Deep Spring, A. C. HART, Evangelist.

Dover District—Briery, Sand Hill, Six Run's Chapel, White Oak (Duplin) and Dover, E. L. SOWERS, Evangelist.

Onslow District—Pleasant Hill, Tuckahoe, Union Chapel and Christian Prospect, H. C. BOWEN, Evangelist.

Roanoke District—Powell's Point and Manteo, H. WINFIELD, Evangelist.

New-Berne District—New-Berne and Stony Branch, J. L. WINFIELD, Evangelist.

Kinston—E. E. ORVIS, Evangelist.

Wilson—M. T. MOYE, Evangelist.

The Committee on Ministerial Character submitted the following report:

Your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of investigating the character of ministers of this Conference report, so far as they have been able to learn, their characters are above reproach, except Bro. Stanly Ayres; from the best information we can obtain he does not belong to any organized congregation. Bros. H. D. Miller and R. J. Taylor do not preach at all, still they are not too old for service. Therefore we submit this report for your consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. HODGES,
P. H. JOHNSON,
J. C. C. JENKINS,
} Com.

The Committee on Ordination submitted the following report:

We, the committee on ordination, find no applicant for ordination at this Conference.

J. L. WINFIELD,
C. W. HOWARD,
J. G. GURGANUS,
} Com.

The Committee in the case of Bro. C. Heath submitted the following report:

The committee in the case of Bro Curtis Heath, beg leave to report, that having examined him with reference to qualifications and character, they do not deem him qualified for general evangelizing work, but think he is much devoted to the cause, and is capable of doing good in a local sphere, and as such we recommend his name to be put on the list of preachers.

JOSEPHUS LATHAM,
H. D. HARPER,
C. W. HOWARD,
J. T. WALSH,
} Com.

On motion, Dr. H. D. Harper was appointed a delegate to the Annual Convention of the Disciples in Western Carolina, and Bro. J. L. Winfield, alternate.

Bro. H. C. Bowen, the Perquimans Evangelist, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Evangelist of Perquimans Mission reported, that he had labored one year in that field, confining himself to a small compass; received from all sources $342.91; raised for building purposes, about $50; distributed about two thousand pages of tracts; added nineteen to the church; and assisted the church in securing the services of Bro. J. G. Gurganus for next Conference year. He recommended to strengthen the weak churches, instead of occupying new fields.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Lord's day schools beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The meagre and imperfect report from the churches does not furnish sufficient data to enable us in making a statement which will tend to increase the interest in our schools.

2. The cold lethargy that pervades our schools grows out in a large extent from a want of better system and order in our churches. We can have no successful schools unless they are cared for by the pastor or Evangelist.

3. That in the sense of your committee we recommend to this convention the importance of organizing and putting in operation all of our Sunday school forces, by calling together all the friends of the movement in a Sunday school convention. We must organize and draw out the talent of our teachers and superintendents, and this can only be done by holding annual Sunday school conventions.

We earnestly hope this will engage your earnest attention.

J. L. WINFIELD,
I. L. CHESTNUTT, } Com.
J. J. WOODLEY,

The Moderator appointed Brethren J. L. Winfield, H. C. Bowen, Dr. J. F. Latham, J. W. Etheridge and O. K. Stilley a Committee on programme, and also to arrange time and place for holding a Sunday school convention.

Bro. N. D. Myers, Treasurer of the Conference, submitted the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 8TH, 1881.

KINSTON, N. C., October 4th, 1881.

January	20th—Cash received from Bro. J. Latham from Hookerton Church,	$6.75
February	4th—From Bro. W. G. Fordham from Pleasant Hill Church,	1.35
"	6th—From Bro. Butler from Salem Church,	1.81
March	18th—From Oak Grove Church,	3.00
June	20th—From Bro. H. D. Harper from Bethlehem Church,	4.55
		$ 17.46
July	20th—Paid to Bro. H. C. Bowen out of the above,	12.14
	Balance on hand in Treasury,	$ 5.32
	Bro. Bowen's receipts not from myself,	187.86
	Bro. Bowen's receipts from myself,	12.14
	Total,	$200.00

N. D. MYERS, Treasurer.

Bro. C. W. Howard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution requiring preachers to submit for publication a report of their year's work, be rescinded, and the reports presented at this Conference be left off the minutes. Adopted.

Petitions for the next session of the Conference were taken up, and it was appointed to be held at Timothy Chapel, Pitt county, N. C., Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1882.

Elder George Joyner was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Elder J. L. Winfield alternate.

The Committee on Evangelizing submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Brother Moderator:—

Your committee on evangelizing beg leave to make the following report: So far as the destitute points, within our bounds, which require missionary labor, we are not sufficiently informed, to make any recommendation as to the future action of your Christian body.

The evangelizing in Perquimans county has been done by Bro. H. C. Bowen, a report of which is submitted to your body by him.

We desire to call the attention of your Christian body to the condition of the church worshipping at Manteo, Dare county.

We find from the ill health of our beloved brother, I. L. Chestnutt, and other causes beyond his control, that he cannot serve the church at Manteo longer than the first day of November. The said church is therefore without a preacher, and as no aid has ever been extended to them by this Conference, we recommend that they at least receive the same encouragement as the church in Perquimans did last year, to enable them to employ a preacher to serve them at Manteo and Powell's Point. We would also recommend to this body (if the finances can be raised) that a competent evangelist be appointed—under such instructions as your Christian body choose to give—whose duty it shall be to visit all destitute churches and preach and scripturally set them in order. All of which we respectfully submit.

J. C. C. Jenkins, Chm'n,
C. W. Swain,
J. W. Etheridge,
} Com.

In harmony with the above report, a collection was then taken in cash and pledges, to aid the Manteo and Powell's Point missions, which was responded to very liberally.

On motion, Bro. J. L. Winfield was appointed to transcribe and prepare the minutes for publication, and he be allowed $10 for transcribing and $12 for mailing.

On motion of Bro. J. B. Respess, the money on hand be turned over to Bro. Winfield for that purpose.

Bro. J. J. Woodley offered the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this convention tender its thanks to the citizens of this place and the surrounding country for their kindness and hospitality while in convention assembled.

On motion, the mission fund sent to Conference, be turned over to the Treasurer, N. D. Myers.

On, motion, Bro. J. G. Gurganus was appointed to write the obituary of Elder John Newberry, Bro. H. Winfield of Elder J. J. Coltrain and Bro. J. Latham of Elder S. L. Davis.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Elder J. Latham to correspond with brethren Ayres, Taylor and Miller, mentioned in the report of the committee on ministerial character, and report at next session of the Conference.

On motion, a collection was ordered to be taken up tomorrow at the stand and church and the proceeds be given to Bethlehem, Perquimans county, and Manteo, to aid them in building a house of worship.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers of the Convention for the faithful manner in which they had performed their labors.

Agreed to meet at 10 o'clock to break the symbolic loaf.

To-day's session closed with prayer by Dr. W. H. Cobb.

LORD'S DAY.

Met at 8:30. Prayer by brother J. J. Woodley.

On motion, the editor of the *Greenville Express* was invited to a seat in the Conference, and the Secretary was requested to furnish him with the minutes of Conference.

On motion, Dr. H. D. Harper and N. D. Myers was appointed to act with the officers of the Conference, attending to all business when the Conference is not in session.

A collection in cash and subscriptions was taken up to aid the Roanoke mission.

NOTE—As the amount of the collection is unknown to the transcriber he cannot report it here.

During the debate on who should labor for the respective districts, Bro. H. C. Bowen read the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the evangelical districts a suitable Evangelist, whose field of labor shall be in the boundary of the districts; and if the Evangelist thus recommended is unsuited to the field, that he assist the churches in securing the services of an Evangelist to meet the desired end.

The above resolution was adopted, and the Evangelists recommended appear in the respective districts.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at time and place specified. Prayer by Bro. J. Latham.

J. T. WALSH, *Moderator.*

C. W. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

REMARKS.

Dr. Walsh preached in the house to a large and attentive congregation on Lord's day, and Dr. Harper preached to a goodly number at the stand.

Thus closed a pleasant and profitable session of the Conference.

We feel it to be our imperative duty to state, that all the imperfections, omissions and irregularities that may appear in the proceedings, reports and resolutions, is from the fact that the transcriber is not in possession of the necessary data to make the minutes in every way free from criticism. The Secretary of the Convention, (we perhaps had better say Secretaries,) failed to note everything as it appeared, and as there was such a demand for paper, in many instances, valuable notes were taken from the table and used promiscuously. We have, therefore, been compelled to make up the minutes, in some parts, from our personal recollection, and no doubt have some of the proceedings in the third day which should have appeared in the second. We have done the best we could under the circumstances, and trust our explanation will be satisfactory. We need more order and system at our annual meetings, and there will be more order and less inaccuracies in our minutes.

We have great cause for rejoicing over the work of the Conference. There was nothing of special importance done, but we did succeed in getting our forces in proper shape, that in future we can report a work that will be an honor to the brotherhood. The work of the Convention is summed up as follows:

1. Arranging our churches into evangelical districts, and recommending an Evangelist to give his whole time to the work.

2. Appointing a committee to arrange programme, time and place for a Sunday school convention. A cold lethargy has pervaded our Sunday school interest for a long time, and this will awaken a new and lively interest in this important factor in the Church of Christ.

3. The Treasurer's report, by no means as large as it ought to be, is quite a gain on previous years. If our district plan is properly worked by the Evangelists, the Treasurer's report will be much larger in the future.

4. The report of the Perquimans Evangelist is all that could be expected under the circumstances.

5. The Roanoke mission is to be supported by voluntary contributions. One hundred dollars is now needed in addition to pledges and what the mission can pay. We should make an effort at once to raise the deficit.

6. Our numerical strength, in the State, is not definitely known; but we think that from the best information we number, including our colored brethren, about 14,000.

Our future outlook is very encouraging and if the Evangelists perform their duty faithfully, the success of our cause will in one year be beyond our most sanguine expectations. J. L. W.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Baptized.	Recd. by Letter.	No. of Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.
Old Ford,	Beaufort,	R. T. Hodges,	15	3	2	2	2	223	$ 2 50	$
Union Chapel,	"	C. L. Davis,			4	1	1	126	2 00	
Pantego,	"	P. H. Johnson, Jas. H, Jarvis,	1	1		14	6	176	3 40	
Beaver Dam,	"	Charles E. Woolard, John B. Respess,			1	5		174	1 00	
Trinity,	"	By Letter,				1		35	1 00	
Head of Pungo,	"	"				3	6	50	1 00	
Tranters Creek,	"	George Britton,		1				42	1 00	
Blount's Creek,	"	O. K. Stilley, Marshall Stilley,						10		
White Hill,	"	Jos. Edwards,		1				30	1 00	
Post Oak Chapel,	"	By Letter,	1	1			1	33	25	
Union Chapel, Jr.,	"	Not Represented,						38		
Juniper Chapel,	"	" "						25		
Pungo Chapel,	"	Jas. F. Latham,			2	18	1	49	1 10	
Hartsfield's S. H.,	"	Not Represented,						38		
Gaylord's S. H.,	"	George C. Respass,				15		24	1 00	
Pamlico Chapel,	"	By Letter,	1		1	2	1	26	10	
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Not Represented,						30		
Bee Tree,	"	" "						30		
Asheville,	"	" "						15		
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	By Letter,			1			75	1 00	
Alpha,	"	Not Represented,						20		
River Side,	"	C. J. Atkinson, John Gaskins,		5	1			54	2 00	
New Berne,	"	N. S. Richardson, J. L. Winfield.						9	1 50	4 25

Vanceboro,	Craven,	Not Represented,						18			
Stoney Branch,	"	By Letter,			1			23	50	80	
Dover,	"	Not Represented,						35			
Wear Creek,	Carteret,	" "						16			
Powell's Point,	Currituck,	" "						55			
Sand Hill,	Duplin,	By Letter,			1	1	2	8	50		
White Oak,	"	Not Represented,						17			
Manteo,	Dare,	J. W. Etheridge,			1	12	3	58	1 00	1 00	
Mocksville,	Davie,	Not Represented,						35			
Bethany,	Edgecombe,	Wm. F. Draughan,				10		43	2 00		
Battleboro,	"	Not Represented,						14			
Plofftown,	Forsythe,	" "						150			
Hookerton,	Greene,	A. C. Hart, Elias Albritton,	4		1			129	2 50		
Eden,	"	By Letter,		4	2	6	4	75	1 50		
Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	Not Represented,				16		36			
Neil s Chapel,	"	" "				18		37			
Swan Quarter,	"	By Letter,				16	4	30			
Middleton,	"	"	7	1		32		126	1 00		
Springfield,	"	"						63			
Haskins Chapel,	Jones,	Curtis Heath, G. W. Harrell,				9	20	52	1 00		
Deep Spring,	"	By Letter,				1		31	1 00		
Shady Grove,	"	Not Represented,						39			
Tuckahoe,	"	By Letter,	2	3	3			72	1 00		
Pleasant Hill,	"	"			1			131	2 00		
White Oak,	"	"						42	1 00		
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	"		1	3		1	212	2 80		
Wilson's Mills,	"	"	2	1	1	5		45	1 50		
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	"			1	3		134	4 10		
Kinston,	"	J. T. Walsh, C. W. Howard,			2	1	1	103	4 00		
Bethel,	"	I. L. Chestnutt, L. H. Kilpatrick,			7			79	2 00		
South West,	"	C. W. Howard,			1		1	19	50		
Briery,	"	By Letter,			2			46	1 50		
Hebron,	"	Not Represented,						15			
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	McG. Britton, Edward Roebuck, Henry Wynn,		2		1		56	1 00		
Macedonia,	"	E. K. Powell, J. H. Woolard, T. S. Holiday,						41	1 50		

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Robinsonville, ...	Martin,	W. W. Andrews, J. B. Robinson, J. R. Whitfield,		2	1			48	$ 1 50	$
Poplar Chapel,.....	"	Jas. W. Robinson, Joseph B. Jones,.....			2		3	82	1 00	
Zion's Grove, ...	"	G, W. Wynn, Samuel Reason, ...	2	4	1			19	50	
Manning's S. H.,...	"	By Letter,.....			2			56	65	
Lebanon, ...	"	S. T. Glissen, H. Brown, Calvin Johnson, ...			1	2		29	1 00	1 00
Red Oak Mission, ..	"	Not Represented,.....						7		
Christian Prospect,.	Onslow,	By Letter,.....			1	3	2	73	1 00	
Union Chapel, ...	"	"	1	1		8		84	2 00	
Antioch,.....	Pitt,	George Joyner, W. R. Williams,.....	2					84	2 00	
Berea, ...	"	J. W. Smith, W. H. May,.....				2	3	22	75	
Salem,.....	"	Theo. Bland, F. M. Kilpatrick,.....	1		2		2	106	2 00	1 60
Corinth, ...	"	Josiah Dixon, ...	1	1	1			45	2 50	2 50
Timothy Chapel....	"	Josephus Causey,.....	1	7	1	13		89	2 00	
Rountree's, ...	"	John C. Jenkins, R. C. Cannon,.....						56	1 20	
Oak Grove, ...	"	Theo. Keel, J. J. Rawls, Henry Taylor,.....		3	2			82	2 00	
Mt. Pleasant, ...	"	F. Ward, W. Stancill, ...			1	1		75	2 00	
Broad Creek,.....	Pamlico, ...	By Letter,.....			1			47	1 00	
Bethany, ...	"	"				2		128	2 00	
Bay Creek, ...	"	"	2		1	10		52	1 00	
Concord, ...	"	"			1	12	7	67	30	
Goose Creek,.....	"	"			1			60	75	
Bethlehem, ...	"	"	1		1	2		75	2 00	
Bethlehem, ...	Perquimans	H. C. Bowen, J. J. Smith, ...		3	1	13	2	69	1 50	7 00

Madison,	Rockingh'm	Not Represented,						67	$		$
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,	1			23		172	2	50	
Six Runs,	"	Not Represented,						98			
Stoney Creek,	Surry,	" "						26			
Sulphur Springs,	"	" "						30			
Union Hill,	Stokes,	" "						24			
Albemarle,	Tyrrell,	" "				3	1	88			
Gum Neck,	"	James Dillon,		1	2			70	1	00	
Sharon,	"	Jesse Volliver,	1			10	1	60	1	00	
Long Acre,	Washington	W. J. Bowen,		1	2	4	2	60	1	00	
Saint's Delight,	"	C. W. Swain,			2	3	3	69			
Chapel Hill,	"	Not Represented,						42			
Free Chapel,	"	By Letter,			4	1		108		70	
Philippi,	"	J. J. Woodley.		1	5	50		206	1	00	
Christian Hope,	"	L. A. Sillivant, J. R. Sillivant,		3	5	1		110	1	00	
Zion's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						64			
Holly Neck,	"	" "						60			
Goldsboro Mission,	Wayne,	" "						6			
Eureka,	"	By Letter,			1	4	1	171	1	60	
Wilson,	Wilson,	"	1		1			23	2	00	
Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin,	Not Represented,						60			
			47	52	87	235	95	6971	$96	20	$17 25
Number of Colored members in the State,								1556			
								8527			

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt county,	N. C.
STANLY AYRES,	Wynnville, Martin	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Catharine Lake, Onslow	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC L. CHESTNUTT,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
T. B. COX,	" "	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	White Marsh, Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Greene	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, "	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Fairfield, Hyde	"	"
S. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New Berne,	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield, Johnston	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store, Wayne	"	"
Dr. H. D. HARPER,	Centreville, Pitt	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
C. HEATH,	" "	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
JOHN IDOL,	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro, Pitt	"	"
GEO. W. JACKSON,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
P. T. LEHMAN,	Mt. Airy, Surry	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
RICHARD POINDEXTER,	Mt. Nebo, Yadkin	"	"
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
J. B. PARSONS,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
R. J. QUIDLEY,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville, Martin	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
JOS. W. STEVENSON,	Wilson's Store, Stokes	"	"
R. T. SANDERS,	P. O. not known	"	"
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
L. J. TERRY,	P. O. not known	"	"
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Leechville, Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville	"	"
J. L. WINFIELD, *Editor W.T.*,	New Berne, Craven	"	"
Dr. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston, Lenoir,	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington	"	"
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge, Beaufort	"	"
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN,	Lake Butler, Florida.		
R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington, Kentucky.		

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ met with the church t Antioch, (Farmville) Pitt Co. N, C. Oct. 10th. Bro E. E. Orvis, who vas appointed at last Convention to deliver the annual address, being de- ained at home on account of sickness, Bro. F. M. Green of Ohio deliver- d a very acceptable discourse on General Missionary Work. His re- narks were timely, practical and suitable to the occasion.

Bro. J. J. Harper, Moderator of the Convention took the chair and alled the house to order. The chair appointed the following committee n the election of officers: J. L. Winfield, H. Brown and Rufus Swain. The committee reported the following permanent officers: Moderator, J. J. Harper, Asst. J. L. Burns; Secretary, J. V. Harper, Asst. C. W. Howard. They were unanimously elected by the Convention.

On motion, by Dr. J. T. Walsh, Bro. F. M. Green of Ohio be invited o take a seat with us and participate in all the deliberations. Bro. Green accepted the invitation in an admirable little speech.

The annual address prepared by Bro Orvis was handed in and ordered o be read by Dr. Walsh on to morrow. The following order of business vas adopted:

1. Call the Convention to order.
2. Devotional Exercises.
3. Reading the Proceedings.
4. Calling the Roll.
5. Petitions and Resolutions.
6. Reports from Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

The chair appointed the following committees: Finance; Caleb Can- non Sr., E.A.Moye, Rufus Swain. Preaching, S.H. Taylor, G.W. Barrett, W. R. Williams. Statistics of Churches; R.A.L.Carr. G.C.Respess, F.M. Kilpatrick, Publications; I.L.Chestnutt, J.B.Parsons, J.H.Coward. Ordina- tion, Dr.J.T. Walsh, J.L.Burns, J.L.Winfield. Sunday School Convention H. C. Bowen, Alfred Gaskins, J. W. Trotman. Education; J. L. Wi- field, C. W. Howard, J. W. Hodges. Ministerial Character; E. A. Mo , S. B. Taylor and W. J. Bowen.

Moved and carried that the Roll of Churches be called by dist ts. Bro. D. W. Davis was appointed to preach to-night. He preached t an attentive audience on the theme *Fitly framed together*. The Conven- tion adjourned untill tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Devotional e cises and benediction by Bro. C. W. Howard.

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SECOND DAY.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr Walsh. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. On motion the church letters be read before the house. On motion it was agreed that the delegates from the districts be empowered to select one of their number to form the Evangelical Committee. The Moderater called the roll which was continued until 11 o'clock when the house was declared adjourned. The Annual address prepared by Bro. Orvis was read by Dr. Walsh. The Convention adjourned for dinner.

The Convention re-assembled after refreshments and proceeded to business after singing. The committee on Devotional Services reported Bro. J. B. Parsons of the Scuppernong district to preach to night, J. T. Davis and F. M. Green to-morrow; J. W. Trotman, and H. C. Bowen to-morrow night. The chair appointed the following Evangelical Committee:

S. H. Taylor, J. W. Trotman, Josiah Dixon, J.D. May, G.B.Cox, Rufus Swain, H. S. Davenport, H. Brown, Uriah Leggett, G. T. Tyson, J. H. Coward, W. B. Cox, Jesse Basden, J. R. Lassiter, R. W. Hines, J. R. Tingle, Alfred Gaskins, and E. T. Bennett.

Bro. E. A. Moye introduced a resolution to change the evangelical year. This resolution makes the evangelical year begin and close with the Convention. It was rejected. Bro H. C. Bowen introduced a resolution to limit the speeches to ten minutes, and only one speech on any one subject, except by permission of the Convention,. Carried. The Chair appointed the following committee on time, place and programme for the Sunday School Convention: Dr. J. T. Walsh, H. C. Bowen and W. R. Williams.

On motion and by petition, the church at Sneeds Ferry be enrolled on the minutes.

By his request, the name of Bro. T. W. Phillips was erased from the list of preachers.

On motion, Bro. H. C. Bowen who was appointed to draw a map of the districts be excused, as the evangelists had not furnished him with the necessary data.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to draw up a Constitution for the government of the Convention: Dr. J. T. Walsh, E. A. Moye, Geo. Joyner, J. L. Burns, and Josephus Latham.

On motion the Convention adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by Bro. Josephus Latham.

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THIRD DAY.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by Bro. J. T. Davis. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. The house took up the special order to change the beginning of the Evangelical year. The resolution was laid on the table, The Convention then took up petitions and resolutions. On motion the Ministerial Association be made a special order immediately after the intermission for dinner. The Committee on Education submitted their report. See Report.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to purchase the Farmville Academy : R. A. Bynum. G. W. Barrett, S. H. Spain, J. W. Hodges, S. B. Taylor, M. T. Moye and I. L. Chestnutt.

On motion, by Bro. I. L. Chestnutt, the minute fund on hand be turned over to the Editor of the WATCH-TOWER and he be required to print and distribute as many as the funds will justify, and make a report to the next session of this Convention, Adopted. The Committee on Constitution submitted their report, which was read by sections and then adopted-

The Convention adjourned for dinner,

The Ministerial Association assembled after refreshments and held a very interesting session.

On motion the Convention adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by H. C. Bowen. After the adjournment of the Convention, brethren J. W. Trotman and D. W. Davis were examined by the Committee on Examination and Ordination, touching their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and capacity for the Gospel Ministry. The examination was satisfactory.

FOURTH DAY-

The Convention assembled at the usual hour. Devotional exercises by Bro. A. C. Hart.. The hour for the ordination of brethren Trotman and Davis having arrived, the Convention adjourned during the Ordination Services. Dr. Walsh presided. After reading appropriate selections from the Scriptures and prayer by Bro. F. M. Green, the candidates were ordained by the laying on of hands.

The Moderator announced the following committee to select Officers and Managers of the North Carolina Missionary Convention : J. A. Moye, W. R. Williams, I. L. Chestnutt, J. L. Burns, and S. B. Taylor.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the General Christian Missionary Convention at Cincinnatti, Ohio:

J. L. Winfield, M T Moye, E E Orvis and J L Burns,

At this hour (11) Dr Walsh preached at the stand to a large and appreciative audience.

The committee on Finance reported $76.57, for Minutes, and $3 for Missions. No special business being before the Convention, speeches were made by brethren H C Bowen and Henry Lewis.

The committee on election of officers submitted report, which was approved. See inside of title page.

Bro F M Green entertained the Convention in explanation of the Constitution, its working features and how to make it a success.

The Convention adjourned for dinner. On account of the incessant rain the congregation remained in the house and Bro Green preached on *Little Things*. The Convention re-assembled after dinner and proceeded to business.

On motion, Bro E.E.Orvis be granted a letter of recommendation signed by the President and Secretary of the Convention.

On motion the Editor of the *Watch Tower* be requested to print and distribute gratuitously copies of the Constitution of the Missionary Convention. And also church letters to be sent to all the congregations.

Petitions for the next Convention were presented from Pleasant Union Timothy Chapel and Wheat Swamp. Wheat Swamp receiving the largest number of votes was declared the place, and Thursday before the second Lord's day in Nov. the time.

Bro Trotman made an earnest appeal for aid to assist the church at Bethlehem, Perquimans county in completing their house of worship.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay over to Bro J. L. Burns $8 and the balance be turned over to the new Treasurer.

The committee on Devotional exercises report that Bro Henry Winfield preach to-night and Bro F. M. Green tomorrow.

LORD'S DAY,

A meeting was held on Sunday morning under the new organization, Dr. Walsh in the chair. The Board of Managers recommended Bro E. L. Sowers to the Coast district.

On motion, Bro M. T. Moye was elected President of the Board of Managers, and J. V. Harper Secretary. On motion the first meeting of Board be held at Wilson.

The Convention adjourned to meet at Wheat Swamp at time specified. Thus has come and gone another happy and profitable Convention. The large number that attended and the unanimity which characterized all the deliberations furnish strong evidence of our prosperity and aggressiveness. The new working method was warmly received and all the disciple seemed to acquiesce in the practicability of adopting such measures as would tend to further the progress of our common cause.

Bro. F. M. Green preached at the stand to a large and attentive audience on the "Woman at Jacob's Well." After the discourse a large number of Disciples assembled in the house and partook of the bread and wine, commemorative of the death of our Redeemer. A beautiful repast was spread on the ground and after refreshments the large concourse of people dispersed, many to meet in Annual Conventions no more. May love, union and peace be multiplied.

J. V. HARPER,
Secretary.

J. J. HARPER,
Moderator

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Dr. Walsh introduced the following Resolution: That a committee of five of our wisest and best men be appointed, by the Moderator, to take into consideration the re-construction of our Annual Conference, so as to make it a permanent missionary body, and that committee be empowered to draw up a Constitution to be submitted to this body for adoption or rejection. Adopted.

ON EDUCATION.

WHEREAS The Disciples in North Carolina have no school under their denominational control, and one of sound practical principles is pressingly felt by the Church.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Convention appoint a committee of five to negotiate with the owners of the Farmville Academy and ascertain for what sum it can be bought.

Resolved, That if said building can be bought at a fare price, books of subscription be opened and the necessary amount be raised to purchase the College building.

Resolved, That all who subscribe towards the purchase of said building shall be recognized as stockholders.

Resolved, That after the necessary amount is subscribed the President of the Convention shall call a meeting of the stockholders at Farmville, where they (stockholders) will organize by electing a Board of Trustees and attend to such other matters as will facilitate the speedy opening of a school uuder Christian auspicies.

J. L. WINFIELD,
C. W. HOWARD. } Com.
J. W. HODGES,

The report was unanimously adopted.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

We the committee on Publications submit the following report:

We heartily endorse the WATCH-TOWER as the organ of the Disciples in N. Carolina, and we recommend that all the Evangelist press its claims in their respective fields of labor. The Standard Publishing Company, Central Book Concern, and John Burns are reliable and worthy of patronage.

I. L. CHESTNUTT.
J. B. PARSONS, } Com.
J. H. COWARD,

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

The committee on Ministerial Character submitted the following report:

We recommend that the name of T. B. Cox be dropped from the roll of preachers. We also recommend that the Convention take action in regard to the following brethren whose names appear on the roll but never attend our Annual Meetings John Idol, P.T.Lehman, R.Poindexter, J.W. Steverson Silas Peacock, R. T. Sanders, and L. J, Terry. The Convention dropped the above names from the roll. No charge was brought against their moral character.

E. A. MOYE, Chairman,

Dr. Walsh introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention in behalf of all the brethren in North Carolina, sincerely and affectionately extend to Bro. F. M. Green of Ohio, our hearty thanks for his visit to our State and hereby invite him to come again. Adopted.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

The committee on church statistics report. We find represented by delegates and letters 82 churches and 5762 members. GEO. C. RESPESS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Bro. C. W. Howard introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of this community for their kindness and hospitality, and also to the officers of the Convention for the dignified and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duty.

TREASURE'S REPORT.

Received from last Convention,	$4.00
Received from Dr. Walsh,	$8.08
Total,	$12.08

J. W. HODGES, Tres.

LORD'S DAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Lord's day Schools reported as follows:

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed on time, place and programme for the next Sunday School Convention. Adopted.

H. C. BOWEN, Chairman.

The Evangelical Districts.

Coast.—Manteo, Powell's Point, Treat &c.; E. L. SOWERS.

Tyrrell.—Gum Neck, Sharon, South Side, Albemarle; W. O. WINFIELD.

Plymouth.—Free Chapel, Holly Neck, Saint's Delight, Chapel Hill, Bethlehem; J. B. PARSONS,

Hyde.—Middleton, Nebraska, Springfield, Swan Quarter, O'Neils Chapel; AUG. LATHAM.

Pungo.—Clark's School House, New Lake, Head of Pungo; D. H. ADAMS.

Pantego.—Pantego, Pungo Chapel, Union Chapel, Long Acre, Beaver Dam, GEO. JOYNER.

Old Ford.—Old Ford, Tranter's Creek, Oak Grove, Mount Pleasant; J. L. WINFIELD.

Martin Co.—Poplar Chapel, Manning's School House, Macedonia, Christian Chapel, Robersonville, Zion's Grove, Lebanon; J. L. BURNS. Asst. H. WINFIELD.

Pamlico.—Broad Creek, Goose Creek, Bethany, Grantsboro, Bethlehem, Concord, Bay Creek; J. T. WALSH, Assistant, A. J. HOLTON.

Kitt Swamp.—Kitt Swamp, Blount's Creek, White Hill, Hartsfield, Trinity, Union Chapel; A. O. WARREN.

Salem.—Salem, River Side, Timothy, Bethel; C. W. HOWARD.

Farmville.—Antioch, Corinth, Berea, Rountree's Eden; J. L. CHESNUTT, Assistant, D. W. DAVIS.

Hookerton.—Hookerton, Wheat Swamp Stony Branch, New-Berne, Wiff Creek; DR. H. D. HARPER.

Jones.—South West, Haskins Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Deep Spring, White Oak; J. W. TROTMAN.

Onslow.—Christian Prospect, Richland, Union Chapel, Sneed's Ferry, Tuckahoe; H. C. BOWEN.

Wilson.—Wilson, Bethany, Wilson's Mill; J. J. HARPER.

Mill Creek.—Mill Creek, Eureka, Pleasant Union, Gidinsville; N. B. HOOD.

Kinston.—

North Creek.—North Creek, Pamlico Chapel, Post Oak; T. W. WHITLEY.

STATISTICS.

ROANOKE DISTRICT, J. L. Burns; *Powel's Point*, J. L. Burns, Number 44, $1.00.

Manteo, Not represented, Number 45.

Bethlehem, J. W. Trotman, Expelled 2, Received by letter 4, died 2, number 65, $1.00.

TYRRELL DISTRICT, J. W. Gurganus, *Gum Neck*, Not represented, number 70. *Sharon*, Not represented, number, 60. *Sound Side*, Not represented. *Albemarle*, By letter. number 88.

SCUPPERNONG DISTRICT: J. B. Parsons; *Free Chapel*, By letter, dismissed 5, received 1, died 1 number 108. $1. *Phillipi*, By letter, baptised 18, dismissed 2. received by letter 4, died 3, number 206. $1.00. *Holly Neck*, By letter, baptized 7, number 34. $1.00.

Saints Delight, Rufus Swain, J. T. Sitison and Joseph Swain. Baptised 5, number 84, $1.00.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT: H. S. Gurganus. *Zion's Chapel*, Not represented, number 65. *Chapel Hill*, H. S. Davenpopt, expelled 1. received by letter 1, died 1, number 57, $1.00. *Long Acre*, W. J. Bowen, Geo. W. Bowen, baptized 2, expelled 1, died 1, number 57, $1.00. *Christian Hope*, By letter, baptized 9, died 2, number 119, $1.00.

ROBERSONVILLE DISTRICT: H. Winfield; *Lebanon*, H. Brown, S. T. Gleason and T. Roberson; expelled 1, number 29, 50cts, *Zion's Grove*. Not represented. *Robersonville*, J. H. Grimes, J. R. Whitfield, W. W. Andrews, expelled 4, died 2, number 22, $1.00. *Christian Chapel*, E. B. Roebuck. J. J. Swain and M. G. Rawles, baptised 13, received by letter 2, number 69. $1.00. *Poplar Chapel*, J. W. Roberson and D. W. Davis, baptized 4, expelled 5, received by letter 1, number 87. *Manning's S. H.* Not represented, number 56.

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT. J. L. Winfield; *Mt. Pleasant*, J. H. Harris and F. Ward, baptized 3, died 1, number 75. $2.00. *Oak Grove*, S. H. Taylor, and J. J. Rawles, baptised 1, expelled 4. died 2, number 75, $2.00.

OLD FORD DISTRICT. A. Latham, *Old Ford*, N. T. Perry, U. Leggett and J. W. Hodges, baptized 13, dismissed 2, died 2, number 243. $2,00. *Beaver Dam*. By letter, baptized 2, number 182, $2.00. *Macedonia*, J. H. Woolard and H. W. Holliday, number 41, $1.50. *Tranter's Creek*, By letter, baptized 5, received by letter 1, number 46.

PANTEGO DISTRICT. Geo. Joyner; *Pantego*, Geo. L. Wilkerson and Thos. Flynn, baptised 4, dismissed 1, expelled 1, received by letter 3, died 5, number 165, $2.00. *Pungo Chapel*, Geo. T. Tyson, Ira Bell, J. A. Burgess, baptized 7, died 3, number 50, $1.25. *Union Chapel*, F. P. Whitley, N. A. Whitley, baptized 7, received by letter 1, died 5, number 129, $1.00.

HYDE DISTRICT, J, S. Henderson, Asst. W. O. Winfield. *O'Neals Chapel*, By letter, dismissed by letter 1, received by letter 1, number 37. *Swan Quarter*, H. D. Cason, baptized 2, number 32. *Middleton*, Baptised 23, dismissed by letter 1, expelled 1, died 2, number 30. *Springfield*, Not represented.

PUNGO DISTRICT. D. H. Adams. *Head of Pungo*, By letter, dismissed 1, died 1 number 4. $1.25. *Clark's S. H.* Not represented. number 36, *New Lake*, Not represented.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT. I L. Chestnutt. *Rountrees*, John Pierce and Caleb Cannon, Sr., and Jr., died 2, number 37, $1.50. *Berea*, R. A. Allen and B. W. Tyson, baptized 3, dismissed by letter 1, number 29, 75cts. *Corinth*, E. A. Moye, Jos. Dixon and A. L. Carr, died 3, number 40. $3.00. *Antioch*, Henry Tompson, W. R. Williams and G. W. Barrett, expelled 2, received by letter 4, died 3, number 65, $1.00

Hookerton District. J. Latham; *Eden*, J. W. Taylor. and M. P. Taylor. Bapze. 12, received by letter 2, number 86, $1.50. *Wheat Swamp*, Noah Rouse, D. . Brothers and S. E. Hodges. Baptised 1, number 120, $3.45. *Hookerton*, J. A. avis, J. T. Forest, and J. H. Coward, baptized 2. dismissed by letter 2, numer 111, $2. *Hebron*, not represented number 15. *Alpha*, by letter, number 40, .00.

Salem District: G. Allen; *Timothy*, J.E. Moore, Israel Moore, Josephus Causy, baptised 1, dismissed by letter 1, died 4, number 116, 75cts. *Riverside*, J. D. ay, C. J. Atkinson, dismissed by letter 1, died 4, number 53, 75cts. *Salem*, C. tokes, W. C. Butler, F. M. Killpatrick, dismissed by letter 2, diedl, number 3, $2.25. *Bethel*, C. T. Barwick and *S.* W. Sumrell, received by letter 2, died 1, mber 75, $2.

Onslow District: H. C. Bowen; *Union Chapel*, S. B. Taylor and W. B. Cox, ptised 7, dismissed by letter 1, received by letter 5. number 129. $2. *Christian rospect* W. Basden, baptized 14. dismissed by letter 5, received by letter 4, died number 67, $1. *Tuckahoe*, by letter, baptised 2, expelled 1, received by letter 2, mber 81, 85cts. *Pleasant Hill* E. M. Jarman and L. F. Koonce, baptised 4, dissed 1, expelled 6, died 2, number 116, $2

Jones District: D. W. Davis; *Haskin's Chapel*, C. Heath and Bryant Jones, ptized 1, number 47, $1.55. *Deep Spring*, Jesse Basden, baptized 2, received by tter 1, died 1, number 52, $1. *White Oak*, not represented, number 30. *Sand ill* not represented, number 8.

Mill Creek District: N. B. Hood; *Pleasant Union*, Jno. Lassiter and H. W. ryan, baptised 5, received by letter 4, number 171, $1.50. *Eureka*, not represent- number 163. *Mill Creek*, J. V. Harper, and J. L. Rose, died 2, number 215, .50. *Giddensville*, not represented.

Wilson District: J. J. Harper; *Wilson's Mills*, by letter, died 1, number 35, .25. *Wilson*, Dr. R. W. King and R. W. Hines, baptized 5, received by letter 6, ed 1, number 34, $2. *Bethany*, W. F. Draughan, baptised 5, received 6, number , $2.

New-Berne District: E. L. Sowers; *South West*, D. T. William and J. J. ause, baptized 12, received by letter 1 number 28, 75cts. *Stong Branch*, by letr, baptised 1, dismissed 4, number 20 1\frac{2}{3}$. *New-Berne*, not represented, number

Pamlico District: J. T. Davis; *Broad Creek*, by letter, died 1, number 40, $1. *oose Creek*, J. B. Brinson, expelled 3, died 1, number 50, 70cts. *Bethany*, J. R. ingle, baptised 10 dismissed by letter 1, expelled 1, received by letter 5, died 6, umber 155. *Bethlehem*, not represented, number 73. *Concord*, by letter, expell- 1, died 2, number 60.

Kitt Swamp District: A. J. Holton; *Alpha*, not represented. number 11. *nion Chapel*, not represented, number 36. *Trinity*, by letter, baptized 2, number , $1. *Blount's Creek*, by letter. died 1, number 11. 50cts. *Wier Creek*, by letter ptized 3, number 32. $1. *Kitt Swamp*, Alfred Gaskins, Asa Arthur, number 80 1.

White Hill District: J. W. P. Holton; *Bay Creek*, not represented, number 71. *White Hill*, not represented, number 34. *Hartsfield*, G. C. Respess, bpzed 1, dismissed 2. expelled 1, received 4, number 41, $1. *Grantsboro*, E. T. ennett, received 2, number 25, $1.

North Creek District: T. W. Whitley; *Pamlico Chapel*, by letter, baptised received 3, number, 25. *Waddspoint*, not represented, number 26. *Post Oak*, by tter, baptised 2, died 2, number 33.

KINSTON DISTRICT: E. E. Orvis; *Kinston* G. B. Cox and J. T. Walsh, baptized 5, received 5, died 4, number 128, $2.

The following new churches were enrolled: *Richlands*, number 30. *Sneed's Ferry* number 12.

The followeng churches, except *Pleasant Union* do not delegate to the Annual Convention. CUMBERLAND Co., *Pleasant Union* W. E. Moore, number 14, $1.

BUNCOMBE Co., *Refuge*, nnmber 40. *Bee Tree*, number 30.

EDGECOMBE Co., *Battleboro*, number 14.

ROCKINGHAM Co., *Madison*, number 67.

SURRY Co.. *Stony Creek*, number 26. *Sulphur Springs*, number 30.

STOKES Co., *Union Hill*, number 24.

YADKIN Co., *Mt. Nebo*, number 60.

EXPLANATION.—We publish the statistics of churches by districts. The name of the Evangelist appears immediately after the district and the church after the evangelist, and the delegates after the church. The amount of money annexed refers to minute fund. Phillipi, by letter; baptized 10, number 216.

Annual Address.

The Primitive Order of Things in Christianity,

BY E. E. ORVIS.

Brethren and Sisters: It has been made my duty to deliver the Annual Address to you on this occasion. I could wish that this duty had been assigned to some one more competent; but I will cheerfully attempt to perform the task with what ever of ability I possess.

We are engaged in an effort to restore and re-establish the primitive order of things in reference to that religious system, eminating from and taught by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, the Christ; and which was originally established by him in this world, through the labors of his inspired apostles. We assume that there has been a wide departure from the simplicity and purity of that system as originally inculcated; and our effort is to restore and re-establish it as it was in the beginning. It is, therefore, absolutely essential that we first ascertain, with undoubted certainty, what that ancient order really was, By this means only can be seen what are interpolations, innovations and corruptions, so as to reject them, while adhearing to all that was primitive and genuine.

On or about the 24th day of May, A.D 33, the first Pentecost after the crucifixion of the Prophet of Nazareth, his followers, to the number of one hundred and twenty—including men and women, and including also the twelve apostles—"were all together in one place" in the city of Jerusalem. "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." And there appeared unto the apostles "tongues, parting assunder, like as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when the sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

The apostle Peter, to whom had been given the keys of the kingdom of heaven "standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spake forth unto them." For the first time in the history of the world, he then and there publicly proclaimed a crucified and risen Savior and of ered pardon and salvation to a lost and ruined world through him. His life, his teaching, his miracles, his death, burial and resurrection; his ascension to heaven. and his coronation as Lord of lords and King of kings were the leading topics of his discourse. He concluded with these weighty words: "Let all the house of Isreal therefore know assuredly that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified."

"Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye. and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall recieve the gift of the Holy Spirit." He, also added other words of exhortation and admonition. "They then that recieved his words were baptized, and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls," These persons who were thus "added unto them" were the first who heard, believed and obeyed "the gospel of the grace of God." Those who thus heard believed and obeyed, by this means became disciples of Christ, Christians, or the children of God. As a community or society of persons, so gathered together in the name of Christ, so builded upon the one divine foundation, were an *ecclesia*, a church, the church of God, or the

church of Christ. "And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The apostles soon extended their labors to other portions of Judea, and then to Samaria, and ultimately to the most distant parts of the Roman Empire. Wherever they went they preached the same gospel, in substantially, the same manner, and with the same result. Everywhere men and women heard, believed, and obeyed; as individuals they became Disciples of Christ, as communities Churches of Christ.

But there were other peculiarities about these primitive communities, or Churches, which demand our attention. They did not fail to assemble themselves together for the public worship of God and to edify and build each other up in the faith and hope of the gospel. They met at stated periods—particularly on the first day of the week—and "continued steadfastly in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers." Their private lives were remarkably pure and exemplary; at home they did take their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people."In the public assembly, each had a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation or an intepretation as a means of instructing others. Their motto was, "Let all things be done unto edifying,

For a time the oversight and management of these Churches were exclusively in the hands of the apostles. But at length, when the number of the disciples was multiplied," a division of labor became necessary. In order that the apostles might give themselves continually "to prayer and to the ministry of the word," suitable persons were appointed under the direction of the apostles, to serve the congregation in regard to secular and temporal matters. And soon after this, others were appointed to co-operate with the apostles in regard to the spiritual interests of the Church. The particular occasion of their first appointment is not given, but they are mentioned as early as in the eleventh chapter of Acts. They were called Elders or Presbyters. At a later period they were also called Bishops or overseers. And as the work increased upon their hands so that the apostles needed further aid in order to promptly reach "the regions beyond," another class of officers were appointed, to "do the work of an evangelist," by sounding out the word of the Lord, turning men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.They were called Evangelists.

These several classes of officers were first appointed in the church in Jerusalem; and this church seems to have been looked up to as a model and guide to the others. So that the other churches followed her example in this respect, as well as in others.

But because this system of things grew up gradually. as circumstances seemed to demand, we are not authorized to inter that it was the offspring of mere human wisdom. We must not forget that the apostles were carrying out a commission which they received from the Lord—a commission which is only in part recorded; and the full details of which we can only learn from what they did and said. We should remember, too,that they were so guided by the Holy Spirit, as not only to bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had said to them, but also to lead them into all truth. We are therefore justified in coming to the conclusion that the order of things inaugurated by them, was, in every material particular, such as Christ had specifically prescribed.

With this general view of the subject before us, we are now prepared to study this primitive order of things somewhat more in detail.

1. The ancient order in preaching the gospel, was to proclaim, in plain and simple language, its sublime facts, commands and promises. Just this and noth-

ing more. No theory, no speculation, in philosophy, in regard to these facts, commands. or promises, was thought of, or indulged in, No formulated statement of the opinions of men, in regard to any of these matters, was deemed necessary, either for the conversion of sinners, the edification of saints, or the discipline of the churches.

2, The ancient order in the conversion of sinners, was that they heard these facts, and believed them; reverently received these commands and obeyed them; and then rejoiced in hope of the fulfillment of the gracious promises. They heard, believed, and obeyed, and rejoiced with joy exceedingly great and full of glory. The facts all related to Jesus, and culminated in the grand fact that he was the Christ the Son of the living God; they embraced the fact that he died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he rose from the dead the third day according to the Scriptures. These facts demonstrated his right to command, and men's duty to obey. The commands were, to believe in Christ, to repent of sins, to confess Christ before men, to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of sin, and then to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. The promises embraced the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. To believe these facts, obey these commands, and to rely with implicit trust upon these promises, was what constituted a person a christian, and a member of the church of Christ.

3. The ancient order of things in reference to the constitution of the church, was that those in any given locality who so became christians, were by the very fact of their becoming christians associated together as the church of Christ in that place. They were "gathered together" in the name of Christ; they were built upon him as the one foundation; he was "head over all things" to them; they were under law to him. Their individual life; their personal relations to each other; their association as a society of disciples; their public and private worship, were all regulated by that divine law.

4. The ancient order of things in relation to the public worship of God was that they habitually met on the first day of the week to break bread in commemoration of the death of Christ; to attend to the teachings of the apostles; to manifest their fellowship, or copartnership with each other, and with their divine Master, by contributing of their means as the Lord had prospered them, for the advancement of the cause of Christ; and to engage in such devotional exercises as would promote their individual growth in grace, and most fully and effectually edify one another. This last they did by exhortation, singing and prayer.

5. The ancient order of things in reference to the polity or government of the church was, that they recognized Christ as its only Head and Law-giver. No man or set of men had any power to make a single rule or regulation; to enact a single canon or law for them. Christ was "Head over all things to the church". His laws were made known by the inspired apostles, and have been recorded in the sacred writings of the New Testament, so as to be handed down thro all succeeding ages; and wo be to him who adds to or takes from them. Each church, like the church at Phillippi, had its "bishops and deacons," the former in charge of the spiritual and the latter of the secular interests of the church. But these were only executive officers; they had no legislative authority. There was a plurality of each of these classes of officers in each local church, and their official jurisdiction was confined to the particular congregation of which they were bishops and deacons. They had no official duties elsewhere. Their qualifications were particularly pointed out by the apostle Paul. Each of these churches might, if they were so disposed and had the means, send out an Evangelist, to

carry the glad tidings of salvation to other localities, to make converts, constitute other churches and set them in order. Or contiguous churches might unite their means and co-operate in this grand work. Even all the churches in any given section of country might so co-operate. It is easy to see that Paul and Barnabas and other primitive preachers were by such means sustained in their missionary labors. Each church was a full pledged Missionary Society, fully competent, so far as authority was concerned, to carry on this grand work. But what one could not accomplish alone for the want of adequate means, might be accomplished by the joint efforts and joint means of several churches, so co-operating together.

This primitive order of things continued during the life time of the apostles. It was the age of pristine simplicity and purity. Efforts were made to corrupt and change it in some particulars. But the vigilance of the apostles, and their conceded authority as the duly constituted ambassadors of Christ, prevented innovations and corruptions from making much headway until after their death. Even after death the authority of the apostles was so far respected that no violent changes took place for several years.

But in the second century changes began to occur, first in the organic structure and polity of the churches. Converts from Paganism were being made: and the independent worshiping assembles, or churches, each under the spiritual guidance and partership of their plurality of presbyter-bishops, was not pompous and consequential enough to suit the caprice of these new converts. A change must be effected. The first change was only a slight one. Each church, besides its deacons and presbyters, had one official known and designated as "The Bishop." He was not a Diocesan Bishop. He had no official authority outside of the local church of which he was a member, and of which he was *the* bishop. Besides he was him self only an Elder, or presbyter; having no other or different authority from the other elders. His pre-eminence consisted in being a sort of chief or head presbyter, a standing President of the board of elders; and he was elevated to this station solely by the suffrages of his fellow presbyters, For a long time it was not necessary that he should have a special ordination for this new station, Still this was a departure from the primitive order of things, and paved the way to still greater changes.

In regard to this first departure from the primitive order of church polity Conybare and Howson—both members of the Church of England—in their Life and Epistles of St. Paul, pp 433, 434, say:

"Officers concerned with church government, the next in rank to that of apostles, was the office of Overseers or elders, more usually known (by their Greek designation) as Bishops or presbyters, These terms are used in the New Testament as equivalant, the former, (*episcopos*) denoting (as its meaning of overseer implies) the duties, the latter, (*presbuteros*) the rank of the office. The history of the church leaves us no room for doubt that *on the decth of the apostles, or perhaps at an earlier period* (*and in either case by their direction*) one among the presbyters *of each church* was solicited to preside over the rest, and to him was applied emphatically the title of *the* Bishop or overseer, which had previously belonged equally to all."

On this, I remark:—

1. It is certain that the change here indicated actually took place.

2. At that time "the bishop," was only one of the presbyters, promoted to a sort of presidency over the rest.

3. This occurred in "each church," showing that "each church" had its plurality of presbyters, each of whom had previously been called a bishop.

4. There is no evidence that this occurred *immediately* "on the death of the aptles;" much less that it took place "at an earlier period," that is, while they

were still alive.

5. Nor is there the slightest evidence that it was "by their direction." The idea is simply preposterious. Why should they *direct* to have their work undone? Why would they *direct* to have the divine constitution given to the church by its Sovereign Head, under their inspired ministry, abondoned, abolished, and set aside, and in entirely different order of things substituted in its place? The change was made, made after the death of the apostles, and made without their sanction and without any divine authority—was a sacrilegious interference with the divine institution.

But the innovators were not yet satisfied. By the middle of the third century, another and more radical change had been effected. These local and independent churches were consolidated into dioceses, corresponding to the political divisions of the Roman Empire; with one bishop for a plurality of churches, instead of a plurality of bishops for each church. And in a few centuries more the work of consolidation and centralization, was fully consummated, and one man in the city of Rome, was recognized as universal Bishop. The apostacy, as far as related to the organic structure and polity of the Church, was complete.

Meantime, the doctrine and practice of the Church had been correspondingly corrupted, and that which passed under the name of Christianity was a miserable compound of Judaism, pagan philosophy pagan religion, incongruous human devices. with just a little Christianity thrown in a sort of flavoring. The great Apostacy predicted by the Apostle Paul was completely developed, and had been fully inaugurated.

During all these ages there had been a few who repudiated these innovations; but they were pronounced heretics, and were persecuted even unto death. During the 14th and 15th centuries, especially, vigorous efforts were made to reform the abuses existing in the so-called church. The leaders of these movements were summarily, and often perfidiously put to death. But early in the 16th century, a more energetic effort at reformation was made, under more favorable auspices, and became a grand success. Luther, Zwingle, Melancthon, and their devoted associates, inaugurated and carried forward a grand and noble work. They were followed by Calvin, Knox, Wesley, and others. Eternity alone will make known the good accomplished by these devoted and God-fearing men.

But after all, they were only reformers, not restorers, of the primitive order of things. They sought to reform the effete systems and organisms of their day, to lop off some of the more luxuriant branches of the tree of apostacy and corruption. This was a noble work, but we, my brethren, are engaged in a work far more grand and noble. We propose to lay the axe at the root of the tree; to hew it down and cast it into the fire; and to restore and re-establish the ancient, original, primitive, apostolic order of things, in form and substance, in in letter and spirit, in faith and practice.

No grander object ever animated the energies of mortal man, than that which inspires our zeal, commands our devoted energies, and our persevering fidelity—the purpose to restore Christianity to the world, in all its primitive simplicity, purity and power. Let us see to it that we act worthy of our high vocation, and may the God of heaven smile upon our toils and sacrifices, nerve us for the conflict, and crown our efforts with abundant success.

And we may well be encouraged, since we can see the whole religious world moving in the right direction. At all points in our grand plea, we are meeting the approval of learned and candid men, to an extent that we could not have dreamed of a few years ago. The tide of public sentiment is unmistakably setting in the direction of pure apostolic Christianity.

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onary Convention.

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ospel in North Carolina, but may raise and appropriate funds for other fields.

ART. III. Its membership shall consist of members of the Church of Christ,
ho have been sent by their respective churches or by an association of church-
s, as delegates to its annual Convention, and of such other Brethren as may
ave contributed to its Treasury, as hereinafter provided.

ART. IV. Each co-operating District shall be entitled to five delegates,
nd each Church in the State to one delegate. Any member of the Church of
hrist may become a member of the Convention for one year by the payment of
wo dollars, and a member for life by the payment of twenty dollars, in annual
nstallments of two dollars.

ART. V. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording
ecretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually
nd hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. The Convention at each annual meeting, may divide the State in-
o Districts, and to each District assign one or more Evangelists, provided how-
ver, that nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to prevent any Con-
regation who does not favor the District plan from selecting their own Evan-
elist.

ART. VII. There shall also be elected annually nine members, who togeth-
r with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Managers,
whose duty it shall be to carry into execution the work of the Convention. They
hall appoint their own meetings, elect their own chairman and clerk, and dur-
ng the interval between the annual meetings, fill all vacancies in their own
ody, employ evangelist and agents, and direct them in their fields of labor.
They shall keep a full record of their proceedings and make report through the
Corresponding Secretary at the annual Convention, making such recommenda-
ions as they shall deem proper. Five of the board shall constitute a quorum
for the transaction of business.

ART. VIII. The President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary shall
perform the duties usually belonging to such offices at the annual Convention.
The Corresponding Secretary shall collect all funds and pay them to the Treas-
urer, keeping an account of the same. He may also be employed as General
Evangelist, and shall account for all sums paid him for services. The Treasurer
shall receive from the Corresponding Secretary all funds, pay them out on or-
der of the Clerk of the Board, keep an accurate account of the same, and make
report at the annual Convention.

ART. IX. The annual Convention may annually contribute a percentage of
he funds raised for missions to the Treasury of the General Christian Mission-
ry Convention, such percentage to be determined by the Convention.

ART. X. This Convention shall meet annually on Thursday before the 2nd
Lord's day in November, at such place as may have been determined by the
last annual Convention. In case the Convention shall have failed to appoint a
place, the Board shall select the place of meeting.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of all
the members present at any regular meeting of the Convention, provided such
amendment shall have been first recommended by the Board, or a year's notice
shall have been given.

JOHN T. WALSH, Chairman.

E. A. MOYE, Secretary.

List of Preachers with Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order

Name of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro, Pitt	County,	N. C
STANLEY AYERS,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Catharine Lake, Onslow	"	"
J. L. BURNS,	Robersonville, Martin	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC L. CHESTNUTT,	Farmville, Pitt	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	White Marsh, Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Green	"	"
D. W. DAVIS,	Farmville, Pitt	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
JOHN W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
J. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
J W. P. HOLTON,	" "	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New Berne, Craven	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield, Johnson	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store, Wayne	"	"
DR. I. D. HARPER.	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
C. HEATH,	" "	"	"
C, W. HOWARD,	FountainHill, Lenoir	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	" "	"	"
GEORGE JOYNER,	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
GEORGE W. JACKSON,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Middleton, Hyde	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
M. T. MOYE,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
E. E. ORVIS,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
J. B. PARSONS.	White Marsh, Washington	"	"
R. J. QUIDLEY,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville, Martin	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
C. H. SWAIN,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
J. W. TROTMAN.	Hertford, Perquimans	"	"
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
JOHN R. WINFIELD,	Leachville, Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robersonville, Martin	"	"
J.L.WINFIELD, *Ed W.T.*	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Beaufort	"	"
THOMAS W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge, Beaufort	"	"
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN,	Edwards' Mills Beaufort	"	"
R. W. STANCILL,	Kirksville, Kentucky.		

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OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—J. J. HARPER, Smithfield, Johnston Co., N. C.
Vice-President—J. L. BURNS, Grantsboro, Pamlico Co.
Recording Secretary—L. J. CHAPMAN, Maple Cypress, Craven County.
Corresponding Secretary—C. W. HOWARD, Fountain Hill, Greene County.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

DR. H. D. HARPER, H. C. BOWEN, N. J. ROUSE, I. L. CHESTNUT, JOSEPHUS LATHAM.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention.

This Convention assembled with the Church at Rountree's, Pitt county, Thursday, October 22, 1885.

Owing to the death of George Joyner, President of the Convention, W. R. Williams, Vice-President, called the house to order.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. Harper. The Acting President, on taking the chair, made some very appropriate remarks with reference to the work of the Convention, in the mean time, paying a just and beautiful tribute to the memory of our lamented President.

At the request of the President, J. L. Burns delivered the Annual Address, taking as his subject, "*The Master's Work.*"

On motion of J. J. Harper, the Convention took a recess of 30 minutes.

The Convention resumed business at 2 o'clock P. M.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Caleb Cannon, Jr., J. C. C. Jenkins, S. W. Sumerell.

On Finance—Caleb Cannon, Sr., W. G. Fordham, S. H. Rountree.

On Statistics—N. B. Hood, Lewis Mayo, Levi Mewborne.

On Education—J. L. Winfield, I. L. Chestnut, and A. O. Warren.

On Examination of candidates for the ministry, and *Ordination*—Dr. J. T. Walsh, Dr. H. D. Harper, and J. L. Burns.

On Ministerial Character—James W. Hodges, J. C. C. Jenkins, W. C. Butler, C. W. Swain, and Alfred Gaskins.

On Nomination of Officers for Ensuing Year—S. H. Rountree, W. G. Fordham, J. W. Hodges, J. J. Rawls, and I. L. Chestnut.

The President proceeded to call the Roll of Churches. SEE TABLE.

The Committee on Statistics was requested to prepare a list of the names of delegates for the use of the Convention.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: W. O. Winfield to preach to-night in the Christian Church, D. W. Davis in Bethel Free-Will Baptist Church, D. F. Stewart at the Stand Friday at 11 o'clock A. M., N. B. Hood at 2 o'clock P. M., and A. O. Warren in the Christian Church Friday night.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Singing and benediction by J. J. Harper.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Convention met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises were conducted by C. W. Howard.

The Board of Managers, after a lengthy consideration of the subject, recommended the following amendments to the Constitution:

WHEREAS, It is evident that there is, among our brethren, great dissatisfaction and discontent, growing out of what is known as the "District Plan," we, the Board of Managers, recommend that Article VI. of the Constitution of this Convention be abolished, and that the following be substituted in place of it:

ART. VI. Each congregation belonging to this Convention may adopt such method of supplying itself with preaching as it may deem most practicable.

We, also, recommend the adoption of the following Article, additional to the Constitution, to be known as Article XII.:

ARTICLE XII. The Convention may divide the State into districts, to be known as Union Meeting districts; and each district may choose its own method of work, and may contribute its collections for missionary purposes, or any part thereof, to the Treasury of the Annual Convention.

J. J. HARPER,
N. B. HOOD,
C. W. HOWARD,
} Members of Board.

On motion of J. J. Harper, the amendments to the Constitution were made a special order for Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M.

C. W. Howard moved to substitute Friday in place of Saturday. Carried.

J. B. Respess offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, made the special order for Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M.:

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted by the last Convention, be and the same is hereby amended, as follows: By striking out all after Article I ; and that Article I. be amended so as to read, That we, the Disciples, having taken the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice, do hereby revoke and discountenance all appearance of human creeds, either of individual churches or of this Convention.

On motion of J. B. Respess, the church known as Great Fork, in Beaufort county, was added to the roll of churches of this Convention.

J. J. Harper, Corresponding Secretary, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received, and ordered printed:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

This report covers a period of little less than one year, or from November 9, 1884, to October 23, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

For Foreign Missions, (forwarded)	$ 33 87
Life and Annual Membership, in 1884,	42 05
Life and Annual Membership, in 1885,	20 00
Collections at last Convention (one-half),	18 45
Collections at this Convention,	26 04
Pledges made at this Convention,	$284 50

Immediately after the Convention a year ago, in compliance with the wishes of that Body, myself and W. R. Williams commenced a canvass of the subject of preaching in a city; and after a thorough examination of the subject, embracing an extensive correspondence with brethren of experience, in other States, we came to the conclusion that it was impracticable at that time. Owing to this fact, and having no work on hand in the way of Home Missions, upon which to base a call upon the congregations for collections, I have not made any call.

I beg leave to recommend that the funds in hand be expended during the ensuing year, either in aid of weak churches, or to establish new ones in the most inviting fields.

I further recommend that a Board of Managers be selected for the ensuing year, of persons who live at no great distance from each other.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. J. HARPER,
Cor. Secretary.

E. A. Moye, Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was received, and ordered to be published:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand from last report,	$69 25
March 8, 1884, received from Corresponding Secretary,	42 05
Received at Convention, 1884,	18 45
October 25, 1885, received from Corresponding Secretary,	$46 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 8, 1884, paid D. W. Davis,	$18 45
October 22, 1885, paid J. J. Harper,	3 16

Respectfully Submitted,

E. A. MOYE, Treasurer.

The President appointed the following Committee on Lord'sday Schools: J. Latham, J. R. Tingle and J. T. Davis.

Dr. J. T. Walsh read before the Convention, a letter from N. S. Richardson, stating that he had purchased and paid for a lot in New-Berne, on which to erect a church building, and soliciting aid for that purpose.

J. J. Harper moved that the Convention donate $100 to aid this work. Carried.

On motion of Dr. Harper, the Convention agreed to suspend business one hour, from 9 o'clock Friday morning, in the interest of the Ministerial Association, and one hour immediately thereafter to consider matters relating to Sunday Schools.

There being no business before the house, J. L. Burns spoke on the subject of missions, and moved that a collection be taken up on Sunday for this purpose. Carried.

J. J. Harper moved that this Convention contribute $25 to the General Christian Missionary Convention, which motion prevailed.

On motion of J. B. Respess, the Convention took a recess till 1 o'clock P. M.

Convention met according to adjournment, and resumed business.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows: J. L. Winfield to preach at the Stand Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M., and also at the Free-Will Baptist Church at night; J. Latham at the Stand at 2 o'clock P. M., and H. C. Bowen in the Christian Church at night.

The President read a letter from the church at Wilson in opposition to the "District Plan."

The hour for the special order having arrived, it being the amendments to the Constitution, I. L. Chestnut moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board of Managers.

J. B. Respess moved to consider the District Plan separately. Agreed to.

The question was lengthily discussed--J. J. Harper, J. B. Respess, Dr. R. W. King, Dr. H. D. Harper, and Dr. J. T. Walsh favoring abolition; and J. L. Burns, J. T. Davis and J. L. Winfield opposing it. It was abolished.

Article XII., as recommended by the Board, was adopted.

The committee appointed at last Convention to investigate rumors in regard to certain preachers, reported that some statements derogatory to their character were groundless, and that the difficulty would remedy itself.

The following committee was appointed to arrange the congregations composing this Convention into districts convenient for Union Meetings: Dr. H. D. Harper, J. L. Winfield, J. L. Burns, H. C. Bowen and I. L. Chestnut.

The President appointed Dr. Walsh, Dr. Harper and J. T. Davis a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Convention in regard to George Joyner, its late President.

On motion, Dr. Walsh was appointed to prepare a biographical sketch, also, of the life of George Joyner, and that it be published with the minutes of this Convention.

SATURDAY.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Burns. The Convention then gave place to the Ministerial Association, and Sunday School Convention, as per special order. The speeches were interesting and instructive.

Convention resumed business.

On motion, J. J. Harper was appointed to prepare these minutes for the press, have 2,000 copies printed and distributed among the churches, that he be allowed $10 for his services, and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the entire amount needed for this purpose.

J. B. Respess moved to consider the practicability of consuming the whole Minute Fund in printing minutes, without regard to the number.

Dr. King moved to lay the question on the table. Carried.

The committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year reported as follows: President, J. J. Harper; Vice-President, J. L. Burns; Recording Secretary, L. J. Chapman; Corresponding Secretary, C. W. Howard. Board of Managers: Dr. H. D. Harper, H. C. Bowen, N. J. Rouse, I. L. Chestnut, Josephus Latham. They were unanimously elected.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Character.

We beg leave to report, that we have carefully investigated the characters of the preachers belonging to this Convention, and find no charge sustained against any of them, derogatory to their character.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. Butler,
A. Gaskins,
C. W. Swain,
J. W. Hodges,
J. C. C. Jenkins.

The Committee appointed to arrange the churches into Union Meeting districts, reported the following arrangement:

Union Meeting Districts.

Mill Creek District: Wilson's Mills, Eureka, Pleasant Union, Giddensville, Mill Creek.

Jones & Onslow District: South-West, Deep Spring, Haskins' Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Tuckahoe, White Oak, Richlands, Christian Prospect, Union Chapel, Sneed's Ferry, Weir Creek, Stony Branch.

Hookerton District: Kinston, Alpha, Wheat Swamp, Hebron, Bethel, Eden, Hookerton, Wilson, Antioch, Corinth, Red Oak, Rountree's, Salem, Riverside, Timothy.

Pamlico District: Kitt Swamp, Trinity, Union Chapel, Blount's Creek, Grantsboro, White Hill, Amnon, Broad Creek, Bethany, Baird's Creek, Dawson's Creek, Concord, Bethlehem, Bay Creek, New-Berne.

Pungo District: Middleton, Nebraska, Post Oak, Springfield, Swan Quarter, O'Neal's Chapel, Clarke's School House, New Lake, Head of Pungo, Pungo Chapel, Pantego, Pamlico, Trent.

Old Ford District: Bethany, Mount Pleasant, Oak Grove, Robinsonville, Lebanon, Zion's Grove, Christian Chapel, Macedonia, Manning's School House, Old Ford, Tranters Creek, Beaverdam, Union Chapel, Great Fork.

Albemarle District: Poplar Chapel, Christian Hope, Long Acre Chapel, Darden's School House, Chapel Hill, Zion's Chapel, Saint's Delight, Bethlehem, Holly Neck, Free Chapel, Phillippi, Albemarle, Sound Side, Sharon, Gum Neck, Powell's Point, Manteo.

H. D. HARPER,
H. C. BOWEN,
I. L. CHESTNUT,
J. L. BURNS,
J. L. WINFIELD. } Committee.

On motion, Convention adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Convention re-assembled promptly at the hour named, and after singing, proceeded with the business.

The resolution to abolish the Constitution being the special order, was taken up. After a lengthy and animated discussion, the Convention voted to retain the Constitution, as amended.

On motion of J. T. Davis, a special committee was appointed to investigate charges against R. J. Quidley, viz: J. C. Rix, Patrick Johnson and Jordan Wilkinson.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

REPORT.

Cash received for Minute Fund,..... .....$79.71.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB CANNON,
S. H. ROUNTREE,
W. G. FORDHAM.

The Committee to prepare resolutions relating to the death of George Joyner, submitted the following, which were adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings of this Convention.

Resolutions concerning George Joyner.

WHEREAS, God in His Providence has removed from our midst our beloved brother, George Joyner; and whereas we mourn our loss of him as a preacher, and a christian, Therefore,

Resolved, first, That in the death of Bro. Joyner, we have lost an able preacher, a good man, and a faithful servant of Christ.

Resolved, second, That in the death of Bro. Joyner, this Convention has lost an efficient officer in the President of this Convention; and that we lament his loss to us as a people; and while we deplore his departure from us, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father; and commend his wife and children to the kind care and protection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

J. T. WALSH,
H. D. HARPER,
J. T. DAVIS.

The Committee on Statistics submitted their report, which was adopted. (See Table.)

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Sunday at 11 o'clock, J. J. Harper at the stand, and Dr. J. T. Walsh in the Church.

On motion, J. J. Harper was requested to communicate with certain preachers, whose names are on the Roll of preachers, but who are not known to preach at all, and ascertain the cause of their silence, and whether they wish their names to remain on the Roll of Preachers.

An invitation was read before the Convention, from SALEM CHURCH, Pitt County, to hold the next session of this Convention at that place, and on motion, the invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Report of Committee on Examination and Ordination.

Your Committee on Examination and Ordination beg leave to report that we have examined J. R. Tingle, and find him a worthy christian, and qualified to preach the gospel, and recommend that he be ordained to the work of the ministry, on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Adopted.

J. T. WALSH,
J. L BURNS,
H. D. HARPER

On motion, the Convention adjourned till Sunday morning 9 o'clock.

Singing and benediction by C. W. Howard.

SUNDAY.

Convention met according to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Josephus Latham.

On motion, the reading of yesterday's Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of J. J. Harper, the thanks of this Convention were tendered to its officers for the faithful discharge of their duties, and to the citizens of this community, for their courtesy, magnanimity and hospitality.

The Ordination of J. R. Tingle, by appointment, was conducted by Dr. J. T. Walsh, Dr. H. D. Harper, and J. L. Burns.

On motion of J. L. Burns, the Convention adjourned to meet at SALEM CHURCH, Pitt County, on Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1886.

Closing services by Dr. J. T. Walsh.

W. R. WILLIAMS, President.

C. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	No. Baptised.	Received.	Dismissed.	Died.	No. of Members	Church Clerks.	ADDRESS.	Minute Fund.
Wilson's Mills,	Johnston,	By Letter,	31	5	1	1	64	W. G. Wilson,	Wilson's Mills, Johnston Co.	$2 00
Mill Creek,	"	David Williams, J. L. Rose,	21	6	3	10	241	J. L. Rose,	Harper's, " "	3 00
Eureka,	Wayne,	Wm. Jinnett, J. Ingram,	12	3	14	2	175	N. C. Cogdell,	Grantham's Store, Wayne "	1 50
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	J. R. Lassiter, J. H. Bryan,	30	8	2	4	227	J. H. Bryan,	Newton Grove, Sampson "	2 50
Giddensville,	"	J. R. Boyett,			55	1	50	H. D. Lewis,	Faison, " "	75
Pleasant Hill,	Jones,	W. G. Fordham, B. M. Brown,		5	5	2	95	Isaac Brown,	Tuckahoe, Jones "	1 00
Deep Spring,	"	By Letter,		1	2		36	Z. T. Koonce,	Trenton, " "	25
Haskins Chapel,	"	Not Represented,					48			
Tuckahoe,	"	By Letter,			1	1	91	Z. T. Huffman,	Comfort, " "	50
White Oak,	"	Not Represented,					32			
Richlands,	Onslow,	Charles Cox,		2		2	48	C. C. Basden,	Richlands, Onslow "	60
Christian Prospect,	"	By Letter,				2	62			
Union Chapel,	"	S. B. Taylor, B. Williams,					108	E. W. Murrell,	Gum Branch, " "	1 00
Sneed's Ferry,	"	Not Represented,								
South West,	Lenoir,	J. I. Vause, D. T. Williams,		3			38	J. I. Vause,	Kinston, Lenoir "	75
Kinston,	"	S. H. Rountree, Dr. J. T. Walsh,	6	7	2	3	122	N. D. Myers,	" " "	1 00
Alpha,	"	John Pool,			3	1	37	J. T. Ward,	" " "	1 00
Wheat Swamp,	"	M. B. Creech, J. P. White,	5	4	1	1	132	J. W. Brothers,	Lenoir Institute, " "	3 00
Hebron,	"	L. A. Mewborne,	1			2	11			1 00
Bethel,	"	W. H. Rountree, S. W. Sumerell,				1	86	S. W. Sumerell,	Kinston, " "	2 00
Eden,	Greene,	T. W. Taylor, E. F. Smith, S. L. Linch,	10	3	1	1	94	David Smith,	Shines, Greene "	1 50
Hookerton,	"	J. J. Frizzle, R. T. Weaver,	6	4			107	William Coward,	Hookerton "	1 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	Henry Thompson, R. Starkey,			1	1	69	G. W. Barrett,	Farmville. Pitt "	2 00
Corinth,	"	W. G. Lang, J. E. Tyre,		1		1	37	E. A. Moye,	Greenville, " "	3 00
Red Oak,	"	J. J. May, B. Tyson,	5	5		2	35			50
Rountree's,	"	W. Worthington, C. Cannon, Sr.,	2			2	65	Caleb Cannon, Sr.,	Ridge Spring, " "	1 50
Salem,	"	W. C. Butler, F. M. Kilpatrick,	3	2	3	2	89	F. M. Kilpatrick,	Johnson's Mills, " "	2 00
Timothy,	"	J. G. Worthington, J. Moore, J. Causey,	2				87	J. K. Worthington,	" " " "	2 00
Mount Pleasant,	"	L. A. Mayo, F. Ward, J. Stancil,	1				70	L. A. Mayo,	Greenville, " "	2 00
Oak Grove,	"	J. J. Rawls, T. Keel, A. K. Congleton,	1		2	1	78	A. N. Keel,	Keelsville, " "	2 00
Wilson,	Wilson,	Dr. R. W. King,	2	1	1	1	31	Dr. R. W. King,	Wilson, Wilson "	1 00
Bethany,	Edgecombe,	By Letter,	3		3		58	W. D. Pittman,	Whitaker's, Edgecombe "	2 00

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Robinsonville,	Martin,	J. H. Grimes, J. J. R. Whitfield,			8		32	W. W. Andrews,	Robinsonville, Martin Co.	$ 50
Lebanon,	"	H. Brown, S. T. Glisson, R. Thompson,	1				29	Annie Andrews,	Hamilton, " "	50
Zion's Grove,	"	Not Represented,								
Christian Chapel,	"	M. Britton, W. K. Woolard, J. R. Roebuck,	6	1	1		81	McG. Britton,	Washington, Beaufort "	1 00
Macedonia,	"	J. H. Woolard, H. Woolard, H. W. Holiday,	2				44	J. E. Peel,	Williamston, Martin "	1 25
Manning's S. H.,	"	Not Represented,								
Poplar Chapel,	"	" "								
Long Acre Chapel,	Washington,	By Letter,					50	G. W. Bowen,		1 00
Christian Hope,	"	Not Represented,								
Darden's S. H.,	"	" "								
Chapel Hill,	"	" "								
Zion's Chapel,	"	" "								
Saints' Delight,	"	C. W. Swain, G. W. Ayers,	6	12	4	1	78	Ed. Swain,	Plymouth, Washington "	1 75
Holly Neck,	"	By Letter,						T. S. Swain,	Washington, Beaufort "	25
Free Chapel,	"	Not Represented,								
Philippi,	"	" "								
Albemarle,	Tyrrel,	" "								
Sharon,	"	By Letter,	4	2			80	A. D. Litchfield,	Columbia, Tyrrel "	
Sound Side,	"	Not Represented,								
Gum Neck,	"	" "								
New Lake,	"	By Letter,	5	5		2	20	W. J. Dunbar,	Leechville, Hyde "	50
Bethany,	Perquimans,	Not Represented,								
Powell's Point,	Dare,	" "								
Manteo,	"	" "								
Trent,	"	" "								
Middleton,	Hyde,	H. D. Cason,								
Nebraska,	"	By Letter,				2	148			
Springfield,	"	Not Represented,								
Swan Quarter,	"	H. D. Cason,			1	1	28			
O'Neal's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,								
Clark's S H.,	"	" "								
Head of Pungo,	Beaufort,	J. S. Henderson,	15	18			68	Daniel Allen,	Pantego, Beaufort "	50

Pungo Chapel,	Beaufort,	G. T. Tyson, J. H. Manning,				2	36	J. T. Wilkinson,	Haslin, Beaufort Co.		$ 1 00
Pantego,	"	W. J. Crumpler, L. McGower,	15			7	136	Jordan Wilkinson,	Pantego, " "		1 00
Post Oak,	"	Not Represented,									
Pamlico,	"	H. S. Davenport,									
Union Chapel, Sr.,	"	By Letter,	1	5	1	1	37	S. Wilkinson,	Yeatesville, " "		50
Beaver Dam,	"	J. B. Respess,	18	6	1	1	204	C. W. Woolard,	Bunyan, " "		1 50
Great Fork,	"	By Letter,									
Old Ford,	"	J. W. Hodges,						Isaiah Woolard,	Washington, " "		25
Tranters Creek,	"	D. M. Ricks,					245				
Union Chapel, Jr.,	"	Not Represented,	2	1			44	G. H. Leggett,	Latham's X Roads, " "		1 00
Blount's Creek,	"	" "									
White Hill,	"	" "									
Amnon,	"	G. C. Respess, C. J. Williams,									
Trinity,	"	Not Represented,	1				20	G. K. Mallison,	Idalia, " "		40
Bethany,	Pamlico,	J. R. Tingle, J. J. Bronson,	2		11	4	95	J. R. Tingle,	Grantsboro. Pamlico "		1 00
Grantsboro,	"	J. S. Miller, E. T. Bennett,	10	11	4		29	L. H. Banks,	" " "		1 00
Bethlehem,	"	S. W. Harris, Jr.,	12	8	5		59	S. W. Harris, Jr.,	Stonewall, " "		1 75
Concord,	"	Wm. Richardson,	12	15		3	53	Wm. Richardson,	" " "		1 10
Bay Creek,	"	H. S. Carawan, J. Jones,	15	16		2	85	H. S. Carawan,	Vandemere, " "		2 00
Dawson's Creek,	"	By Letter,	5	5	1	1	31	J. B. Martin,	Baird's Creek, " "		1 00
Baird's Creek,	"	" "	4	7		2	65	T. D. Holton,	" " " "		75
Broad Creek,	"	H. T. Dunn, H. Simons,	5				46	J. B. Dunn,	New-Berne, Craven "		100
Live Oak Grove,	Carteret,	By Letter,	4	6			43	A. T. Dickerson,	Beaufort Carteret "		
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	Alfred Gaskins, N. G. Caton,	1	1		2	66	Asa Arthur,	New-Berne, Craven "		1 00
River Side,	"	J. L. Gaskins,			3		50	L. J. Chapman,	Maple Cypress, " "		1 50
Stony Branch,	"	By Letter,	1	1			23	R. J. Brock,	Tuscarora, " "		
New-Berne,	"	Not Represented,									
New Hope,	Beaufort,	By Letter,	12	8			20	J. S. Williamson,	Pantego, Beaufort "		25
Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	Not Represented,					30				
			300	188	140	75	4578				$67 10

NOTE.—The above table embraces 93 congregations, in 21 counties in Eastern North Carolina. At the Convention only 64 of these congregations were represented, leaving 29, or almost one-third, not reported.—J. J. H.

Biographical Sketch of Elder George Joyner.

BY JOHN T. WALSH.

Elder GEORGE JOYNER departed this life on Thursday, September 17, 1885, at 11:15 a. m., of typhoid fever, complicated with acute bronchitis. He was the youngest son of John Joyner and Clara, his wife, whose maiden name was May. He was born October 16, 1823, and was baptized by Elder Josephus Latham and united with the Church of Christ when he was 27 years of age. He commenced preaching four years after, and has been in the ministry about 32 years.

Elder Joyner was from one of the best and most respectable families in Eastern Carolina, and received the chief part of his education at Wake Forest College. He was a young man of very exemplary life, and was esteemed for his uniform integrity of character. He married three times. His first wife was a Miss Speight, of Greene County. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Beaman, is the fruit of this marriage. His second wife was Miss Henrietta Parrott, daughter of the late Jacob Parrott. She died leaving no children. His third wife, whom he leaves a widow, was a Miss Blount, of Washington, Beaufort County. He leaves her and six children to mourn their loss.

As a christian and gentleman, Elder Joyner has always been esteemed for his moral character and christian integrity.

He was unassuming and retiring in his manners, always dignified, but easily approached.

As a preacher he was above the average. He uniformly read his discourses, and they were written in a chaste style, and adapted to the most cultured audiences. He was more than an average elocutionist, and made a fine impression on all who heard him.

He always seemed to be delicately constituted, and had been in rather poor health for some time. He expressed himself as willing to die, only he regretted to leave his family.

The burial service was read in Kinston in the Christian Church, for which he preached, by the writer, to a large and symphathizing audience, and his body remained in the Church until Friday morning, when it was conveyed to Farmville, Pitt County, and buried near Antioch meeting house, in the presence of many grieved and sympathising friends and brethren.

Had he lived a few weeks longer he would have been sixty-two years old. He has gone to his rest, and may his good works follow him.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be called the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention.

ART. II. Its object shall be to devise ways and means for the spread of the Gospel in North Carolina, but may raise and appropriate funds for other fields.

ART. III. Its membership shall consist of members of the Church of Christ, who have been sent by their respective churches or by an association of churches, as delegates to its annual Convention, and of such other Brethren as may have contributed to its Treasury, as hereinafter provided.

ART. IV. Each co-operating Church shall be entitled to two delegates. Any member of the Church of Christ may become a member of the Convention for one year by the payment of two dollars, and a member of life by the payment of $20 in annual installments of two dollars. All Evangelists are members of the Convention by virtue of their office.

ART. V. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. Each Congregation, belonging to this Convention, may adopt such method of supplying itself with regular preaching, as it may deem most practicable.

ART. VII. There shall also be elected annually five members, who, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to carry into execution the work of the Convention. They shall appoint their own meetings, elect their own chairman and clerk, and during the interval between the annual meetings, fill all vacancies in their own body, employ evangelists and agents, and direct them in their fields of labor. They shall keep a full record of their proceedings and make report through the Corresponding Secretary at the annual Convention, making such recommendations as they shall deem proper. Three of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. VIII. The President, Vice President and Recording Secretary shall perform the duties usually belonging to such offices at the annual Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall collect all funds and pay them to the Treasurer, keeping an account of the same. He may also be employed as General Evangelist, and shall account for all sums paid him for services. The Treasurer shall receive from the Corres-

ponding Secretary all funds, pay them out on order of the Clerk of the Board, keep an accurate account of the same, and make report at the annual Convention.

ART. IX. The annual Convention may annually contribute a percentage of the funds raised for missions to the Treasury of the General Christian Missionary Convention, such per cent. to be determined by the Convention.

ART. X. This Convention shall meet annually on Thursday before the 4th Lord's day in October, at such place as may have been determined by the last annual Convention. In case the Convention shall have failed to appoint a place, the Board shall select the place of meeting.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at any regular meeting of the Convention, provided such amendment shall have been first recommended by the Board, or a year's notice shall have been given.

ART. XII. The Convention may divide the State into districts, to be known as Union Meeting districts; and each district may choose its own method of work; and may contribute its collections for missionary purposes, on any part thereof, to the Treasury of the Annual Convention.

Names of Preachers with their Post Offices.

Names.	Post Offices.	Counties.	N. C.
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt,	"
ISAAC L. CHESTNUT,	Farmville,	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	"	"
D. W. DAVIS,	Jamesville,	Martin,	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	"	"	"
C. H. SWAIN,	"	"	"
J. W. HARDISON,	"	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville,	"	"
STANLY AYERS,	Williamston,	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"
D. H. ADAMS,	"	"	"
T. W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge,	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mill,	"	"
J. L. WINFIELD,	Washington,	"	"
G. W. JACKSON,	"	"	"
JOHN R. WINFIELD,	Leechville,	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	"	"	"
H. S. DAVENPORT,	Plymouth,	Washington,	"
W. M. DAVIS,	White Marsh,	"	"
H. S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge,	"	"
J. W. GURGANUS,	"	"	"
H. D. CASON,	Swan Quarter,	Hyde	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro,	Pamlico,	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
J. L. BURNS,	"	"	"
J. R. TINGLE,	"	"	"
J. W. TROTMAN,	Hertford,	Perquimans,	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Powell's Point,	Dare,	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New-Berne,	Craven,	"
A. C. HART,	Vanceboro,	"	"
A. O. WARREN,	Richlands,	Onslow,	"
J. B. PARSONS,	Beaufort,	Carteret,	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Kinston,	Lenoir,	"
DR. H. D. HARPER,	"	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	"	"	"
C. HEATH,	"	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Fountain Hill,	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville,	Greene,	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton,	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store,	Wayne,	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield,	Johnston,	"
M. T. MOYE,	Wilson,	Wilson,	"
P. E. HINES,	"	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitaker's,	Edgecombe,	"

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention met according to appointment, in connection with the Christian Missionary Convention, at Rountree's Church, Pitt county, October 24th, 1885. The convention was called to order by the President, Dr. H. D. Harper, who announced that it was in order to proceed with business.

H. C. Bowen offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Since the last session of this Convention, death has taken from us our beloved Vice-President, GEORGE JOYNER, therefore,

Resolved, That we have lost one of our ablest and best members, and that a suitable obituary notice be published with the minutes of this Convention.

On motion, the President appointed a Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The Committee was composed of Dr. R. W. King, Jacob McCotter and W. G. Fordham. They reported as follows :—For President, Dr. H. D. Harper; Vice-President, C. W. Howard; Recording Secretary, W. J. Crumpler; Corresponding Secretary, H. C. Bowen.

On motion, the officers recommended by the Committee were elected.

On motion, the officers for the ensuing year were requested to recommend to the next Convention some plan for conducting our Sunday School Conventions.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Since the Sunday School Convention at Richlands, no evangelical work has been undertaken. The Board had the matter under consideration, but decided not to undertake it.

As Treasurer, I have received from J. M. Mewborne, $7, paid for Record book 60 cents, balance on hand, $6.40.

I have succeeded in getting reports from the following Schools :

Table of Sunday School Statistics.

NAME.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Amount Contributed.
Mill Creek,	George B. Rose,	Harper's,	10	125	
Wilson's Mills,	T. C. Davis.	Wilson's Mills,	8	91	
New School House.	W. C. Jarman.	Richlands.	9	59	$ 1 75
Giddensville,	Mrs. Ellen Giddens.	Giddensville.	3	27	
Pleasant Union,	J. H. Bryant,	Newton Grove,	7	100	
Eureka,	N. C. Cogdell,	Grantham's Store.	2	22	
Wilson,	R. J. Taylor,	Wilson,	6	37	25 85
Amnon,	G. R. Mallison,	Idalia,			
Stony Branch,	R. J. Brock,	New-Berne,			
Bay Creek,	W. T. Mayo.	Vandemere.			
Bethany.	W. F. Draughan,	Enfield.	4	28	
Beaverdam,	J. S. Sparrow.	Bunyan,	5	65	5 00
Fountain Hill,	R. J. Weaver,	Fountain Hill,	5	35	
Swan Quarter,	S. R. Cason,	Swan Quarter,			
Glenmore,	W. N. Rose, jr.	Glenmore,	5	50	
Kitt Swamp,	Asa Arthur.	Ernul's.			
Vanceboro,	J. A. Jackson,	Vanceboro,			
Pantego,	N. J. Whitley,	Pantego,	3	35	12 50
Pungo Chapel,	J. H. Manning,	Haslin,	6	52	8 50
Prospect S. H.	J. I. Brown,	Richlands,	4	21	4 25
Live Oak Grove,	W. J. Gibble,	Beaufort,	3	22	
South-West,	Jesse Vause,	Kinston.	4	50	
			84	820	$57 85

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BOWEN, Cor. Sec'y.

On motion, these Proceedings, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention, were ordered to be published with the Proceedings of the Christian Missionary Convention; and that $5 be appropriated for that purpose.

On motion, agreed to hold the next session of this Convention in connection with the Christian Missionary Convention, which will meet at Salem, Pitt County, Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1886.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet as above stated.

H. D. HARPER, President.

W. J. CRUMPLER, Rec. Sec'ty.

NOTE.—It will be seen from the above list, that very few of our Sunday Schools were reported to the Convention, and some of these did not report in full. J. J. H.